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RED AIR RAID DOES THE JOB

The Russo-German war has greatly upset Germany's transport services in the Baltic and on the Danube.

An official of the Ministry of Economic Warfare said yesterday that the train ferry service between Sassnitz and the Swedish port of Trelleburg had been suspended.

Russian naval activity has made it probable that the Germans will try to transfer their Baltic transport to Hamburg and Bremen, and possibly to the Dutch port of Delfzijl.

The port of Constanza has been put out of action, upsetting traffic from Rumania through the Dardanelles, and the Germans are forced to ship goods from the Bulgarian port of Burgas and thence through the Dardanelles or else by rail to Salonika.

The closing to Germany of the trans-Siberian railway is one of the most important factors in this new phase of the war.—Reuter.

Nazi African Activity

German activity at French naval bases in Africa, insofar as is known, is confined to those on the north and north-west. African coasts, said Lord Moyne replying to Lord Strabolgi, the Labour Peer, in the House of Lords yesterday.

It was concentrated in the delegation of the German Armistice Commission, whose activities, there was no doubt, were as widely extended as they could induce the French authorities to allow.

Government had no knowledge that there was a delegation of the Armistice Commission at Dakar and had no evidence that enemy submarines were using any French African base.—Reuter.

Germans Thrown Back Across Dnieper River

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE GERMAN AND RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE ON THE GREAT BATTLE RAGING FROM PSKOV TO BESSARABIA CONTINUE IN FLAT CONTRADICTION EACH OF THE OTHER, THE SIGNIFICANT ADMISSION IS MADE IN THE LATEST NAZI VERSION OF DEVELOPMENTS THAT THE RED ARMY HAS STAGED VIOLENT COUNTER-OFFENSIVES.

Until yesterday, the Boche had not varied his grandiose claims of triumph, with the whole of his gigantic operation proceeding smoothly and remorselessly "according to plan."

Last night's High Command communique, however, referred to a fierce three-day Russian counter-attack in the Ukraine, and admitted that Red Shock troops drove a wedge between Zhitomir and Berdivitch, 75 miles to the south-west of Kiev, while, inevitably, insisting that the counter-attacks had been smashed and the troops badly handled.

The Germans also admit a second offensive by "Red Army reserves" in the Dnieper-Dvina sector (which according to earlier claims was long ago overrun) and say that heavy losses were inflicted, without in this instance asserting that the counter-attack failed in its objective.

Simultaneously with these admissions that the Russians are hitting back, the Germans report "continuous progress along the entire Eastern front."

Moscow, on the other hand, in an official High Command communique, announces that the Red Army have scored important successes in a large-scale counter-offensive on the central sector, where the German armies have been thrown back across the River Dnieper, with the Russians following up the retreat in close contact.

Huge battles, says the Russian High Command, are still raging in all the principal areas.

Crushing Defeat

The powerful German effort to break through to Leningrad has met with a crushing defeat, with their advanced elements isolated and disintegrated.

Tanks pushing forward to Kiev in the Ukraine sector have been encircled.

The third prong of the German offensive towards Moscow has been stemmed. On the southern wing, the Germans have been thrown back while in the Vitebsk area, on the road to Smolensk, a further attempt to advance was unsuccessful. Butovsk, the German objective in this drive, is still in Russian hands.—Reuter.

Estonia Fighting

Stockholm quotes Helsinki despatches as authority for the statement that Tallinn is aflame and that the Russian defenders are (Continued on Page 16)

R.A.F. Pays Call

An Air Ministry communique states several squadrons of Blenheim bombers attacked enemy shipping in the docks at Rotterdam yesterday afternoon.

Direct hits were made on many ships, including one of over 15,000 tons.

Warehouses and stores were heavily damaged.

Four British bombers are missing. Two of these were actually seen to bomb their targets.—Reuter.

A LITTLE WIDE OF MARK

Members of the State Department have refused to comment on the Japanese Cabinet resignations pending further details.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, told his press conference he had received no official information yet.

It is generally believed in Washington that the conservative business group has forced out the army-controlled Government and, if so, this could be of extreme importance to America, according to officials. It is stated in Washington that President Roosevelt had hoped that this might sometime occur and had therefore avoided any serious break with Japan in recent weeks.—Reuter.

BOMBER DOWNED

A few enemy aircraft operated off our coasts yesterday but none flew overland, states an Air Ministry of Home Security communique.

Up to 6 p.m. no reports were received of any bombs dropped. An enemy bomber was shot down yesterday morning off the south coast by our fighters.—Reuter.



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Japanese Cabinet Resignation

FRENCH SMASH NAZI WIRES

There are indications from occupied France of more widespread unrest than that which caused the German military authorities to impose a fine of £60,000 on the town of Dieppe after an anti-Axis demonstration at a local cinema.

The Municipality has now been called on to provide a compulsory watch on all telephone and telegraph wires within the area, it is learned in London.

These have repeatedly been damaged of late, and the municipal watchmen will be held personally responsible if further sabotage occurs.

A copy of the clandestine broadsheet *Pantagruel*, published in Paris in February by French ex-service men who have no connection with Gen. de Gaulle or with British propaganda, reveals an extremely strong attitude towards the Germans.

Greedy Germans

The inhabitants of Paris, say the writers, are tired of being told that they are undisciplined, and of being punished for crossing the streets at points other than the official crossing places.

"We shall never understand, and shall never admire these poor soldiers, in jack-boots who do goose-step to the sound of drums," the writers add. "The hereditary qualities of our race are still too strong in us."

There are also complaints that German soldiers are not only provided with rations but are given food coupons for restaurants, which allow them to eat twice as much as a Frenchman. The main culinary stand-by in Paris at the moment is mangel-wurzels, references to which recur in an angry tone.

Admiration is expressed for Great Britain in the following words: "The Englishman's individual courage is as great as that of the German, but he is more highly minded because he has a loftier conception of human dignity."

Count de Brinon, Marshal Petain's personal representative in Paris, has recently been issuing visas to Germans wishing to go to French North Africa on various excuses in such large numbers that Gen. Weygand has protested to Adml. Darlan.

Contrary to reports reaching Britain, indirectly, it is not believed in London that Gen. Weygand has refused admittance to any of these Germans. Nor is there any evidence that Adml. Darlan has taken up the protest.

FIVE BROTHERS ENLIST

Five times the general offered his congratulations.

Five times he commented on the family resemblance.

Five times the Cooper brothers of Samson, Ala., grinned and said thank you.

They were especially pleased when Brig. Gen. Walter R. Weaver, Commandant of the Southeast Air Corps training centre, congratulated them, not only because they represented one family but because all have done a good job of soldiering.

Sylvester Cooper is a staff sergeant, Marion and Obie are sergeants, Malone is a specialist, first class, and Alto is a private.

Four of the brothers are assigned to Headquarters Squadron at Maxwell Field. The fifth is a member of Company C, 47th Armoured Regiment, tanks, at Fort Benning, Ga., 90 miles away. All are enlisted.

All Indications Of End To Party Influences

THE JAPANESE CABINET HAS RESIGNED EN BLOC, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN TOKYO LAST EVENING, IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR A STRONGER GOVERNMENT TO COPE WITH THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

The present Cabinet will remain in office for the time being under Imperial orders.

The Emperor and Empress, who have been holidaying in the country, returned immediately to Tokyo yesterday, an indication that a very serious situation is confronting the country.

Announcement of the resignation of the Cabinet came after an extraordinary Cabinet meeting which took place at the official residence of the Premier, Prince Konoye, earlier in the evening.

It was reported that the Cabinet discussed an "important subject."

Following the Cabinet's resignation, authoritative Government circles in Tokyo stated there would be no change in the Government's basic policies in either the domestic or the international field.

Official disclosure of the resignation was made suddenly and sensationally about 40 minutes after Prince Konoye had returned from Hayama Imperial villa, where the Premier was granted a 25-minute audience by the Emperor.

The resignation was decided on at the emergency Cabinet meeting held at the Premier's official residence at 5.30. After the meeting the Premier entrained direct for Hayama.

Konoye's Work

Prince Konoye returned to Tokyo at 9.40 p.m. and called another Cabinet meeting.

Outstanding events in Japan's history during the year-long tenure of Prince Konoye's Cabinet included:

First, the dissolution of all political parties in the movement for inauguration of a totalitarian national structure, which resulted in the creation of the "National Service Association."

Second, conclusion of the Tripartite Alliance, which bound together Japan with Germany and Italy.

Third, signature of the Sino-Japanese Treaty with the Nanking government headed by Wang Ching-wei, on November 30 last year.

Fourth, conclusion of the Neutrality Pact with the Soviet Union on April 13 while the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, was en route home after his State visits to Berlin and Rome.

Politicians Jettisoned

The new development wipes out the last vestiges of the political parties' influence in Japanese politics.

Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara, former President of the Kuohara faction of the Seiyukai Party, has resigned his post as member of the Cabinet Advisory Council which he had held since December, 1939.

The Government, formally accepted Mr. Kuhara's resignation, which was handed in at 3 p.m. to the Premier.

Not In Keeping

Mr. Kuhara said: "As an old guard member of a political party

my presence on the Cabinet Advisory Council is not in keeping with the new structure movement."

Mr. Kuhara said he was dissatisfied with the liquidated political parties still wielding influence.

He felt called upon to resign since he joined the Cabinet Council as president of the Kuhara faction.

He declared his conviction that Japan in the present emergency must follow a course neither patterned after American Democracy nor totalitarianism modelled upon the German pattern but a policy based on "total cooperation of the people."

He said that in order to realise this ideal it was necessary immediately to eliminate certain disunited political activities as at present there was no room left in Japan for individual political groups to attempt to assert their power.—Reuter.

BREAKING UP BROKEN HILL

A demand that Government should act immediately against monopolies and "assume control of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company in the interests of the nation," was made at a sitting of the Australian Advisory War Council yesterday.

The demand was made by Mr. Forde, Deputy Leader of the Australian Labour Party, on behalf of his fellow councillors, Mr. N. J. Makin, Mr. J. A. Beasley and Mr. Herbert Evatt.

"We have been disturbed by the apparent disinclination of this company to submit to speedy consultation in minor disputes which may lead to major stoppages," Mr. Forde said.

Mr. Curtin, Australian Labour leader, concurred with Mr. Forde's statement.

The Broken Hill Proprietary Company is a well-known company.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BUSINESS ATTITUDE

Japanese business circles are inclined to be more friendly to America and less anxious to cooperate with the Axis.

The firm policy of Britain and America in the Pacific is believed to have upset Japanese foreign policy in some degree, in the view of some observers in Washington yesterday.

The Anglo-Soviet Pact has also proved an embarrassment to Japan, causing some popular discontent which has possibly strengthened the hands of the business group.—Reuter.

NANKING RESHUFFLE PREDICTED

Rumours are rife that there will be a drastic reshuffle of the personnel of the puppet Nanking government following the return of Wang Ching-wei from Japan, says a Shanghai dispatch.

The Japanese authorities are said to be insisting that Wan Keh-min, former "Chairman of the North China Political Affairs Commission," and Chen Chung-fu, former "Chairman" of the defunct "Reformed Government in Nanking," should join Nanking while a new "Minister of Finance" should be appointed to replace Chow Fu-hai.

They have suggested that Wang Ching-wei be "Chairman of the Nanking Government," Chen Kung-po be appointed "President of the Executive Yuan," Chow Fu-hai be transferred to "Mayor of Shanghai," Kiang Kang-hu, be appointed "Chairman of the Overseas Affairs Commission," and Wang Keh-min and Chen Chung-fu be made "Minister of Finance" and "President of Legislative Yuan."

Wang Ching-wei is trying to defer the reshuffle on the ground that such drastic changes may affect smooth working.—Central News.

SHARP DIVISIONS BROUGHT END TO CABINET

(By O. M. Green, Reuter's Far Eastern expert and former Editor of the "North-China Daily News.")

IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SHARPLY DIVIDED AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IN VIEW OF THE GERMAN INVASION OF RUSSIA.

The extremist party led by Mr. Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, and General Tojo, Minister for War, are believed to have strongly urged that Japan should seize the opportunity for further expansion in Indo-China.

On the other hand the more moderate politicians led by Baron Hiranuma, Minister of Interior, who is known for his cautiousness and strength of mind and who was brought into the Cabinet by the Premier, Prince Konoye, last December, in order to support him against the extremists, are believed to have favoured a watching policy until events in Europe should be more clear.

This section of the Government is believed to have been strongly supported by Big Business in Japan which is becoming very nervous at the strain on the Japanese finances and her economic position due to the war in China.

Forced By Army

While the reasons for the resignation of the Japanese Government must be pure speculation at present, it seems probable that the diversion of opinion between the two factions was so acute that the extremists, led by the Army, forced a resignation in the hope of carrying their policy with a new government.—Reuter.

1,000 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON BREMEN

Grim Figures On Weight Of British Raids

OVER 2,000 TONS OF BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN THE RUHR AREA BETWEEN JUNE 16 AND JULY 10.

Further examples showing the weight of British night attacks, are the dropping of 1,000 tons of bombs on Cologne and over 500 tons on Bremen during the same period.

Photographs proving that Muenster, the German town recently bombed on successive nights, contained military objectives, have been brought back by R.A.F. reconnaissance planes. German propaganda described Muenster as a "Cathedral town with no industry except breweries."

Photographs showing the effect of the first night R.A.F. raid were shown to the press in London yesterday.

They prove that the bombing was entirely concentrated on the aerodrome and all the aerodrome buildings have been burnt out and an adjoining barracks very badly knocked about.

Accurate And Effective

The Dortmund-Ems Canal, surrounding part of the aerodrome and a big railway junction, also suffered.

"The photographs show clearly to an expert that there was practically no damage on the residential district," said an official of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

"On military targets the bombing was pretty accurate and effective," Reuter.

CITY GETS DAM FREE

A beaver colony has provided the town of Salmon with a dam and saved citizens the cost of building it.

Five beavers were transplanted to Jesse Creek by the Idaho Fish and Game Department in the fall of 1939.

Watermaster Virgil Harris said the animals moved downstream to within 100 feet of a site selected by reclamation engineers for a dam.

"The flow of water has been so stabilised," Mr. Harris said, "that although last year was extremely dry, the Jesse Creek drainage provided sufficient water for the growing city of Salmon and a supplemental water supply was unnecessary."

FIRMS POOL TOOLS TO BUILD BOMBERS

Two major aeroplane companies have pooled tool design and production facilities to manufacture for the British a specific type of dive bomber.

Named the Vengeance, by the British Air Ministry, the craft was designed by engineers of the Vultee Aircraft Corporation, and is to be manufactured in large quantity, and at the Northrop aviation plant. The two companies ordered tools and jigs jointly so that all parts would be interchangeable.

The bomber is said to be one of the first to embody tactical experience gained in actual combat in the present war. Company officials declined to disclose performance and design data, but said the plane would outperform any other of its type.

BRITISH RAID AT TOBRUK

The raid made by British forces from Tobruk, which the enemy mistook for a major attempt to break out of the town, took place on July 12, it was disclosed in London yesterday.

The raid was carried out astride the road from Tobruk to El Gobi, about 38 miles south of Tobruk.

The operation was the work of a patrol of 40 men and a tank-hunting platoon, who were supported by artillery and machine-gun fire from the British positions on the Tobruk perimeter.

OBJECT OF THE RAID WAS TO CAUSE CASUALTIES TO THE ENEMY AND SECURE IDENTIFICATIONS.

The British inflicted over 50 casualties and brought back five prisoners, which gave the necessary identifications sought.

No tanks were encountered.

British casualties were 10 men wounded and three missing.

The enemy's description of this small operation was "a determined sortie to break out of Tobruk."—Reuter.

MALAYA'S WAR TAX YIELD: M.P. QUESTIONS

ESTIMATED TOTAL YIELD from war tax in the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States for the current year, respectively, is \$10,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. G. Hall, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Colonies, answering a question.

Mr. Hall added the yield from war taxation on rubber exports in 1941 was estimated to be, respectively, Straits Settlements \$510,000, and F.M.S., \$3,000,000.

Since these estimates were made, however, the rates of duty had been doubled in both territories.

A question was asked on the approximate number of Malayan residents earning incomes respectively of between £250 and £720, £720 and £2,340, and over £2,340.

Mr. Hall replied no information at present was available.—Reuter.

NOTHING TO REPORT

Yesterday's Middle East communique said there is no change in the situation on all fronts, says Reuter from Cairo.

BRITISH CASUALTIES IN AIR RAIDS

It was officially announced in London yesterday that British civilian air raid casualties from January 1 last year to the end of June were approximately 41,900 killed and 52,600 injured and detained in hospitals.—Reuter.

LEAGUE STILL KICKING

A reminder that the League of Nations is still carrying on is given by Mr. Sean Lester, the Secretary-General, in the Report for 1941, issued in Geneva yesterday.

Mr. Lester states that both the personnel of the League and the budget were considerably reduced but the International Labour Office, of which part has been transferred to Canada, is still working in Geneva on a reduced scale.

The Secretariat of the League continues to furnish Governments with "useful information on hygiene, nutrition, housing, social assistance, protection of youth, help to refugees and the fight against the abuse of drugs."

Mr. Lester expressed the view that after the war responsible statesmen will have to restore the mechanism of international life in order to avoid a return to the tragedy of wars.—Reuter.

SUPPLY CONVOY BOMBED ON WAY TO LIBYA

WIDESPREAD ACTIVITY by the R.A.F. was reported in yesterday's Middle East communique which says that early yesterday morning Bomber Command aircraft successfully attacked a convoy of enemy shipping off the coast of Tripolitania.

Two heavy bombs struck an 8,000-ton vessel amidships and completely destroyed it, and another was damaged in the bows by a direct hit.

Enemy aircraft which attempted to drop bombs on British merchant vessel on the Libyan coast on Tuesday were engaged by R.A.F. fighters, and six Junkers 87's and one Messerschmitt 109 were shot down.

During the night of July 14/15 our heavy bombers attacked enemy-occupied aerodromes at Eleusis and Hassani (Greece) and Iraklion (Crete).

At Eleusis direct hits were made on hangars and runways and dispersal points, causing a number of large fires and explosions.

Similar results were reported from the other objectives.

Messina Raid

During the same night R.A.F. heavy bombers carried out a highly successful attack on docks and other military objectives at Messina.

Several tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped, and great fires were started at the ferry rail-head, engine sheds, a transformer plant building, warehouses, and four lines of trucks were set ablaze and the fires were visible 65 miles distant.

A number of enemy aircraft flew over the Suez Canal area on

Tuesday night, one came down in the Great Bitter Lake and another crashed south of Port Said.

From the above operations two of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

DEEPLY IMPRESSED

THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT IS WIDELY APPROVED BY TRIBESMEN ALONG THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER OF INDIA.

Although they have no sympathy for Bolshevik doctrines and principles they realise that in this war anyone who kills the Nazis is a true friend of the British.

The heavy German losses and reassuring news from other fronts have deeply impressed tribesmen and confidence in the final defeat of Hitlerism and Fascism has been further strengthened.

Tribal chiefs received with satisfaction news of the Syrian armistice and are glad that the task undertaken by the British of thwarting Nazi designs in Syria, and through Syria, on other Muslim countries, has been accomplished.—Reuter.


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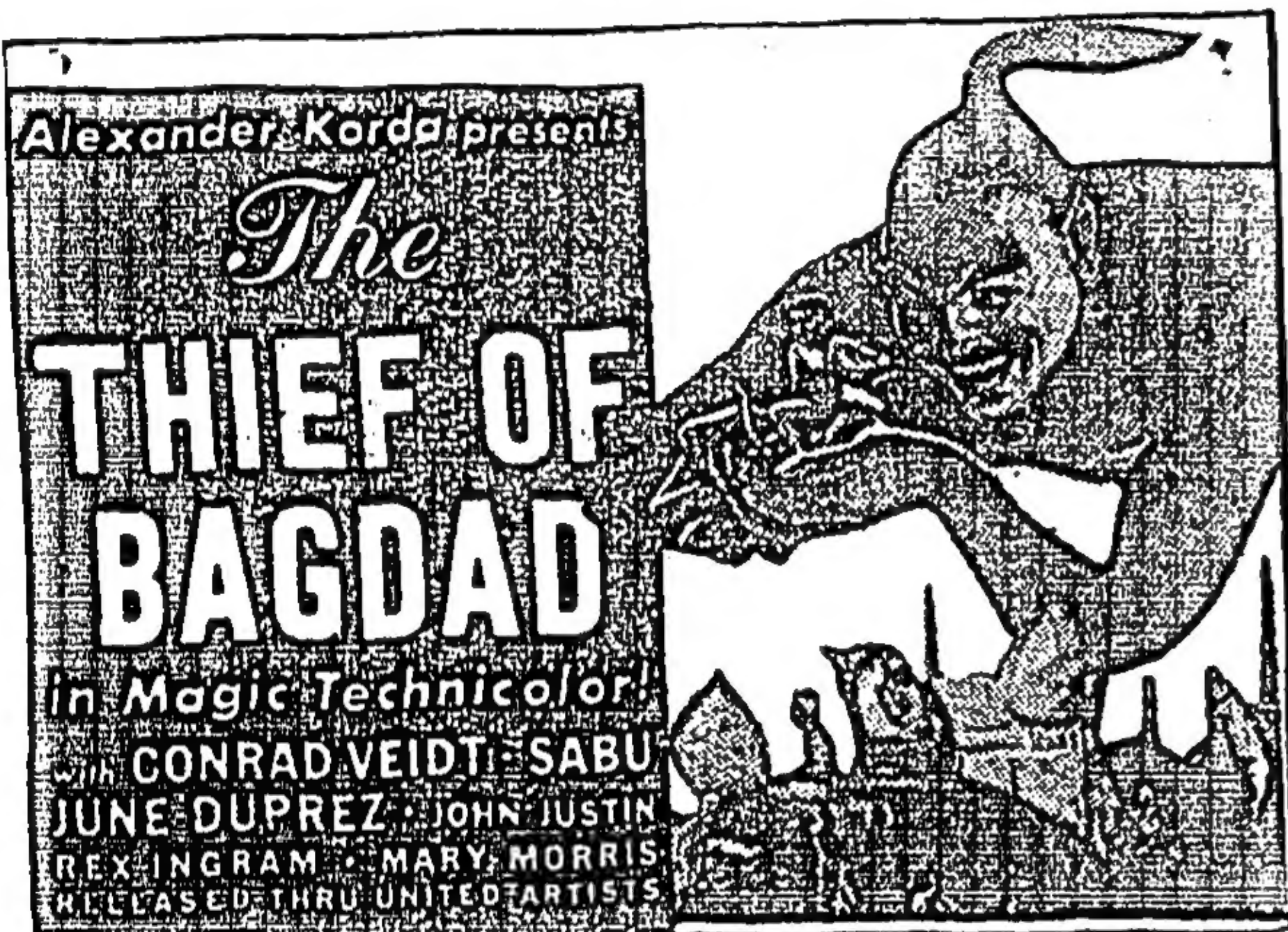
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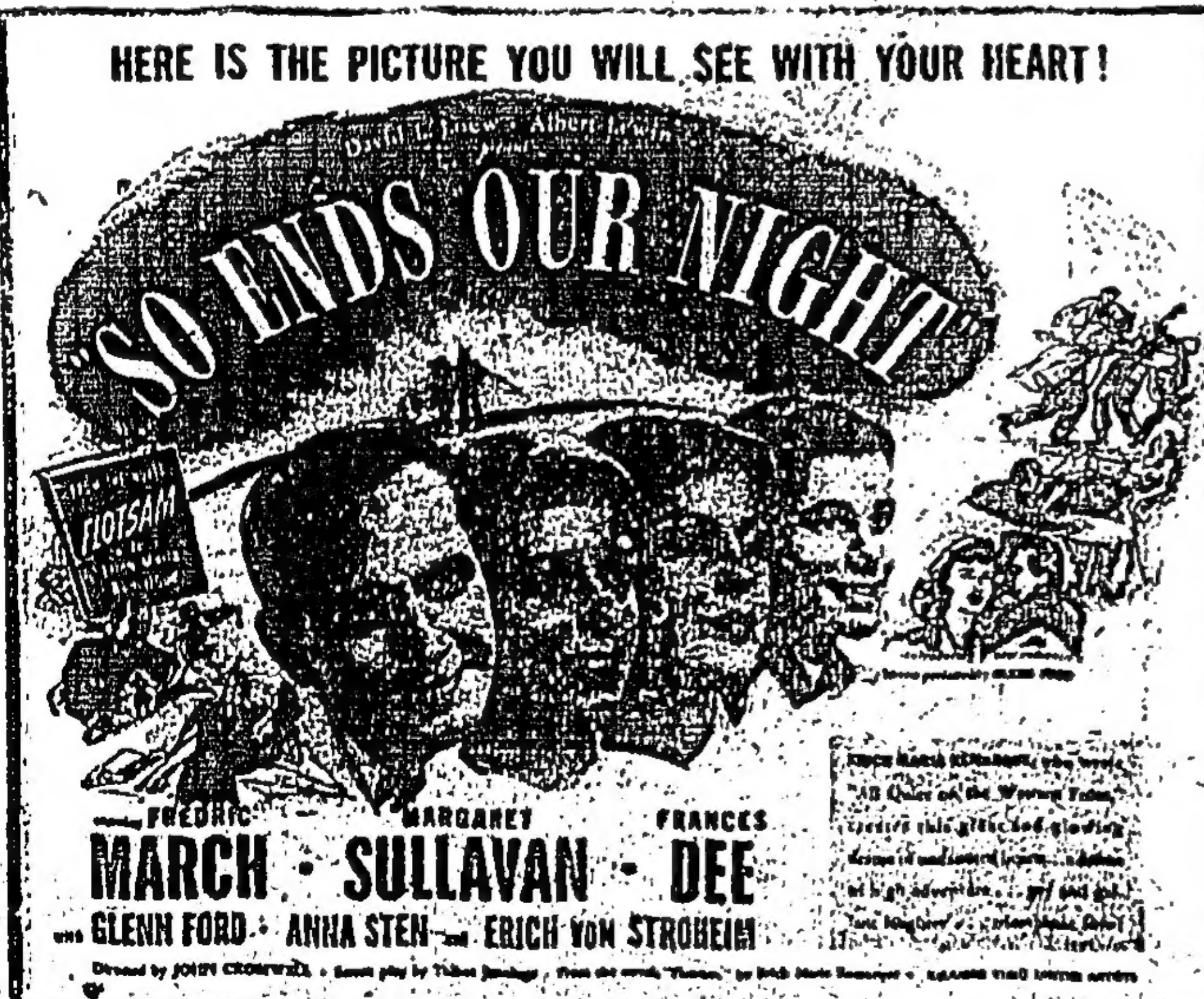
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IMPERIAL FORCES GIVEN ASTOUNDING RECEPTION

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Forces in Syria)

An astounding reception was given by the Syrian and French populace to the Imperial forces as they entered Beirut. Arabs and Syrians gathered at the roadside and on housetops and there was an air of gaiety about the capital.

There was much cheering, clapping and scenes of terrific enthusiasm as the convoy of advance troops entered the suburbs.

It was fitting that marching at the head of the parade was a battalion of Australians commanded by the colonel who initiated the first attack on the Litani River.

With an improvised band they marched to the centre of the city playing "Waltzing Matilda" and other popular airs.

When the cavalcade of Bren gun carriers, trucks, and infantry circled the Place des Minimes the crowd rushed into the roadway and I fed Australians shouldered high while others seized instruments and struck up dance music.

Touching Ceremony

To-day at noon there will be the official entry, led by General Wilson, General Catroux and Gen. Lammont, when units of Imperial infantry, cavalry and armoured fighting vehicles will join in the parade.

Meanwhile General Dentz left with his forces for Tripoli after a touching ceremony on Monday when the General bade farewell to the forces.

OBSERVERS STATE GENERAL DENTZ WAS FILLED WITH EMOTION AND TEARS WERE STREAMING DOWN HIS FACE. The innermost secrets of the Syrian tragedy will only be revealed by the passage of time.

While the Vichy troops have been fighting bitterly against the Imperial troops, inside the country they are treating prisoners and internees with the greatest consideration.

Internee's Story

Reuter's Tripoli correspondent who remained in Syria after the last Briton had left, and was interned by the Vichyites at Kesrounan, high in the Lebanon cedars, said:

"We were treated marvellously and were even allowed to listen nightly to the B.B.C. for the latest bulletins."

There is no shadow of doubt that Syrians and French alike are delighted Britain has taken the initiative and marched in, thus freeing the country from the threatening influence of Axis infiltration.

Last night there was curfew at 10 o'clock with a proclamation posted all over the city warning the populace that any act contrary to the safety of the Imperial forces, proven after military trial, would be punishable by sentence of death.—Reuter.

RETURNING HOME

CHINESE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STAFFS ARE RETURNING HOME IMMEDIATELY FROM THE AXIS COUNTRIES ON ORDERS OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

The withdrawal follows announcements of the recognition by Germany, Italy and Rumania of the Japanese-sponsored government at Nanking.

Thirty-four Chinese envoys are expected in Lisbon in a few days from Berlin, while 18 more are expected from Rome.—Reuter.

63-KEY BRAILLE TYPEWRITER

A Braille typewriter with 63 keys and capable of rapid reproduction of Braille characters, has been invented by Clifford H. Gittens, an independent inventor of Sydney.

The machine differs from the ordinary Braille typewriter now in general use in that a key is provided for each character of Braille. The ordinary Braille typewriter consists of six keys, of which various numbers must be punched simultaneously to construct a given character.

The Gittens machine can also be fitted with Braille keys for use by the blind themselves. It is power driven from an electric light socket.

Mr. Gittens has also invented a stereo machine which stamps Braille characters into zinc sheets from which many copies of each page can be printed on Braille paper. With the Gittens typewriter and a few workers a large volume of books and magazines can be turned out for use of the blind.

Mr. Gittens began work on his Braille typewriter at the suggestion of David Hunter, former blind secretary for the United Australia Party and at present a member of the New South Wales legislative Assembly.

After six months of experimentation, the first machine was completed and sent to David Hunter. The second machine was purchased by the Blind Institution where it has been put to a store of uses. Notices can be posted to be read by the children, examination questions can be written out for each child,

AUSTRALIA REQUISITIONS SHIPS

The Australian Government has requisitioned 63 ships in the inter-state trade, the Commerce Minister, Sir Earle Page, announced yesterday. The ships will be operated by the Shipping Control Board.—Reuter.

£100,000 LOVE YEAR

Skating star Sonja Henie is temporarily giving up her work for "a year of romance" with her handsome millionaire husband, Dan Topping.

For this year of true love Sonja will sacrifice £100,000, which is what she earns annually from acting and exhibition skating, writes John Walters from New York.

"I intend spending time with my husband without having to worry about the studio," said Sonja. "I love him and he loves me."

"We want to have a home and garden in the country." Asked about babies, Sonja replied: "I intend to have babies some day, but not for a few years."

Sonja is completing a film named "Sun Valley."

CONVOY BOMBED

A successful attack was made on an enemy convoy off the coast of Tripolitania by R.A.F. planes. Two bombs landed amidships on an 8,000-ton ship and sank it.—Reuter.

stories and poems, not already in the Braille library, can be prepared by teachers.

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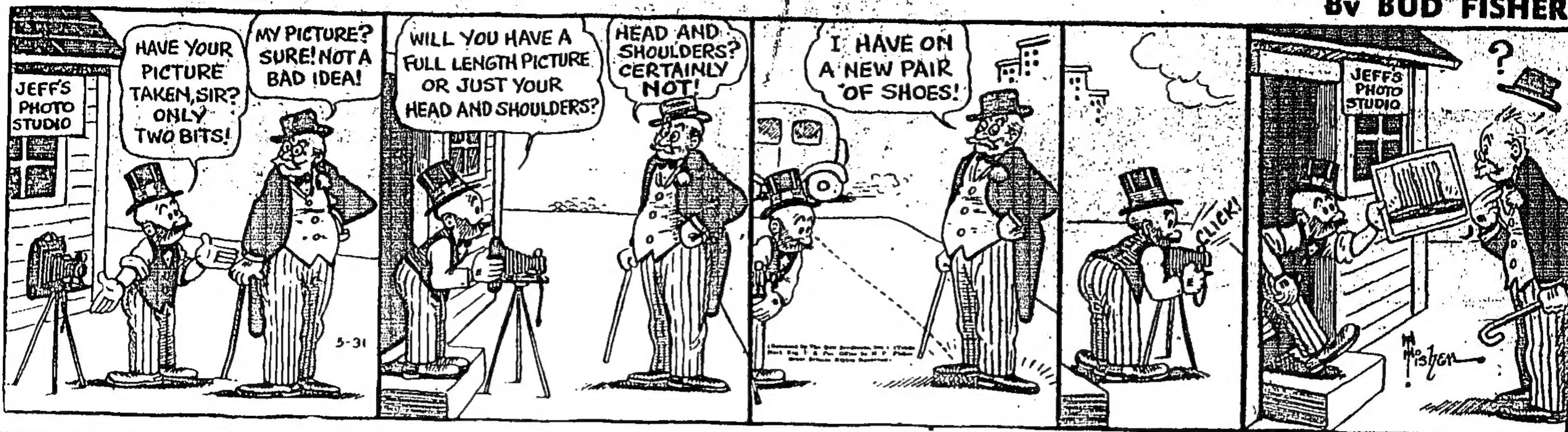
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BIGGER BOMBERS URGED

Maj. Gen. George H. Brett, chief of the Army Air Corps, said in a general press conference that the giant new Douglas B19 bomber, awaiting its first test flight, has pointed the way to more successful big bomber construction.

"The B19 was a gamble to determine if engineers could build a bigger bomber than the (Boeing) B17," he declared. "We have always preached the need for larger aeroplanes and construction of the B19 solved the problems of building giant bombers."

"What we need now is a bomber of a size somewhere between the B17 and the B19, which can reach 350 miles per hour, 35,000 feet altitude and have a range of 6,000 miles."

The B19 has a maximum speed of 210 miles per hour and a service ceiling of 22,000 feet. It has a range, however, of 7,750 miles.

B.B.C. SUNDAY ANTHEM BROADCAST TO CEASE

THE SUNDAY EVENING broadcast by the B.B.C. of the national anthems of Britain and the Allied countries is to be discontinued, announced the Minister of Information, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, answering a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Duff-Cooper said: "The increase in the number of national anthems renders it impossible to do justice to the whole of them in the time allotted."

"I have suggested to the B.B.C. that in future the period previously taken up by national anthems should be devoted to the national music of nations whose people are now fighting with us."

"A different nation will be selected each week, and perhaps in some cases it may prove possible to combine two or three."

Mr. E. Shinwell (Lab) asked if the Minister had suddenly become embarrassed by the suggestion that another national anthem (the Internationale) should be played on Sunday evenings.

No Sudden Decision

Mr. Duff-Cooper replied that no sudden decision had been taken in the matter.

Answering another Labour member, the Rev. R. W. Sorensen, Mr. Duff-Cooper said the period would certainly include a national song for Russia.

Following Mr. Duff-Cooper's statement in the House, the B.B.C. later announced that the national anthem period next Sunday evening will be devoted to French national airs. The following Sunday the period will be devoted to Russian airs. —Reuter.

SHOCK OF TRIPLETS KILLED HER

Mrs. Kathleen Mary Yeomans, 21, of Clarence Street, Burton-on-Trent, was told by doctors that she was to be the mother of twins.

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"I am sure that if my wife had only twins as she expected she would have still been alive," said Mr. Leslie Yeomans, 23, a railway engine fireman to a reporter.

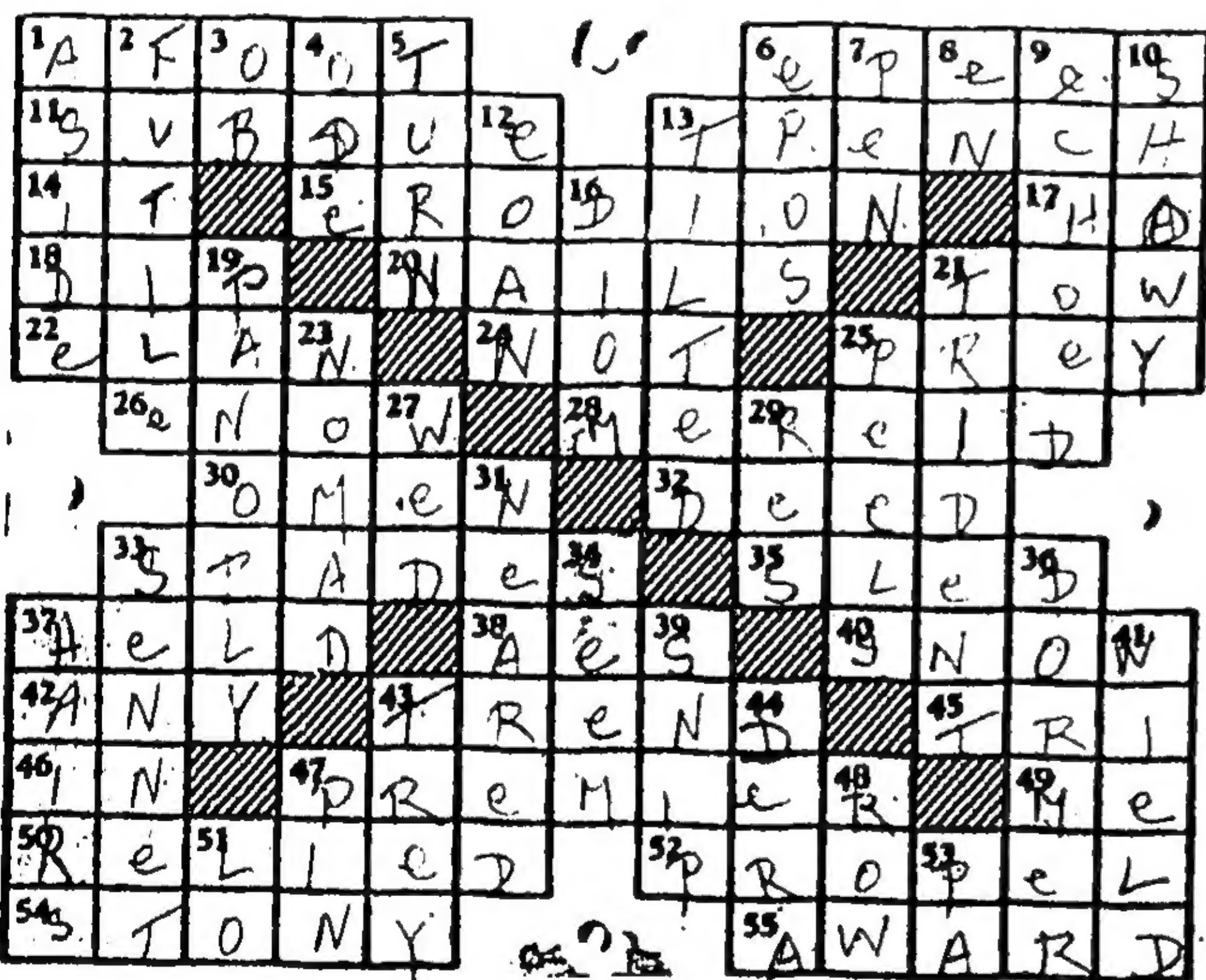
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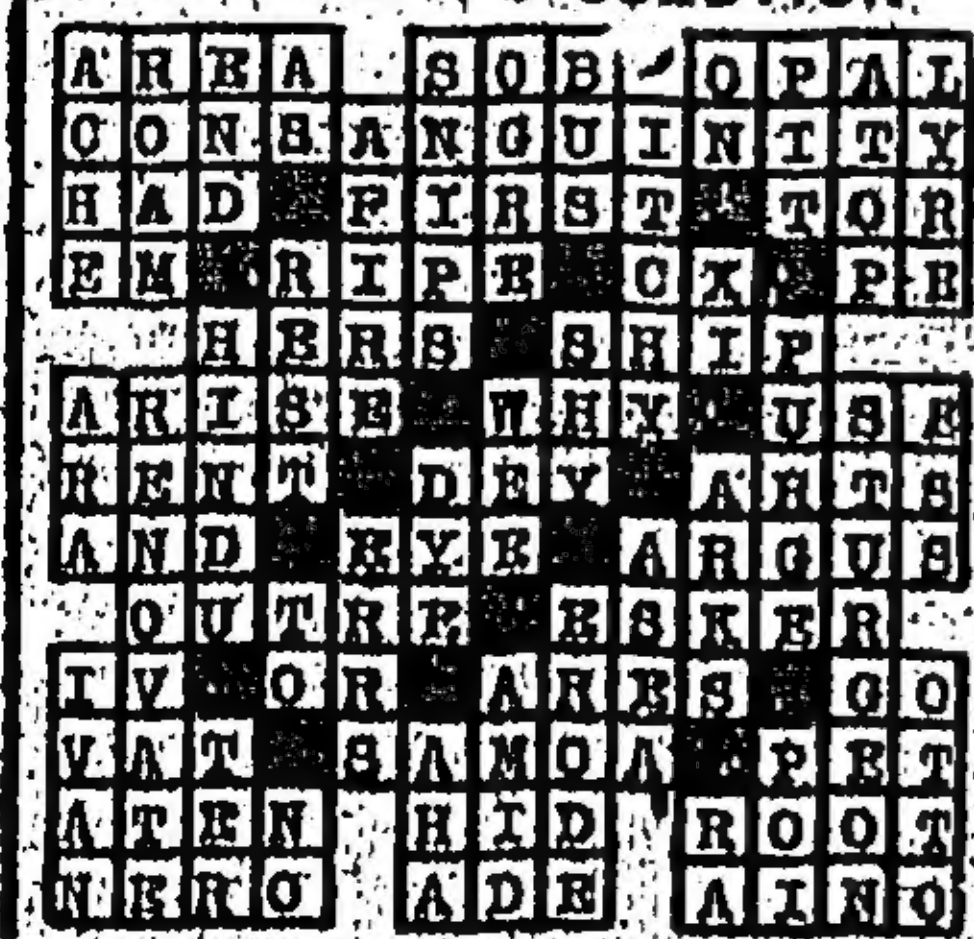
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1. On the move
6. Fencing swords
11. To render mild
13. Ditch
14. Pronoun
15. Act of eating away
17. Exclamation
18. To immerse
20. Fastens
21. To haul
22. Ardour
24. Negative
25. Plunder
28. Poetic enough
29. Sea nymph
30. To forbode
32. Act
33. Card suit
35. Winter vehicle
37. Grasped
38. Roman bronze
40. Ice crystals
42. Some
43. Tendency
44. Prefix: three

VERTICAL

1. Apart
2. Useless
3. Siberian river
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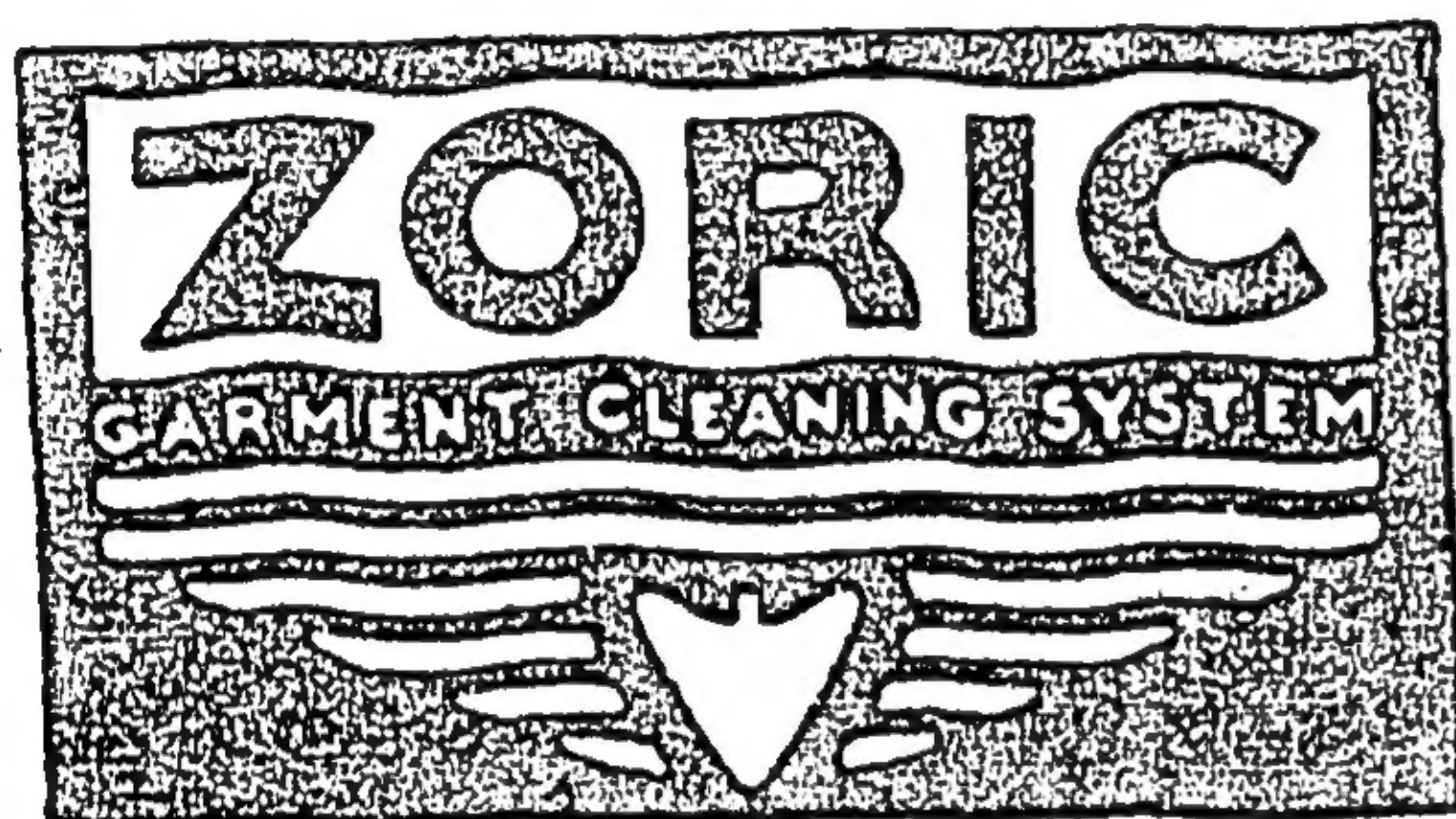
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BRITAIN IS ONCE more producing her own foodstuffs, rediscovering the vegetable riches of her soil, ignoring the false economies of glut or dearth, arranging to bring the food to the people, to teach them how best to utilise it.

The British people are beginning with vegetables; other foods will follow. Government will control imports, markets and prices will be assured, the farmer will be happier, the nation better fed. This article by Reuben Hogg in the "News Chronicle," tells you how it is being done . . .

In one respect at least the war has fundamentally changed our point of view. We have learnt once more to regard our food not as a counter in the game of profit-making, but as a gift from God and the fertile earth. It is being brought home to us so forcibly and so many times a day that at last we may dare to hope that the war has marked the end of an epoch, a rather ersatz epoch, in which the only way we could think of to encourage food production was to restrict its production and make people go without it.

When we come to look back we shall perhaps find that the turning point was an announcement by Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, that almost went unnoticed.

He recently made it known that a public utility company was to be set up, to be known as the National Vegetable Marketing Company, that will aim at getting the maximum amount of onions and carrots produced and distributed.

So the humble onion and the blushing carrot will be the spearheads of a new order in food production.

Other vegetables, as Lord Woolton hinted, will undoubtedly follow. Other foods will assuredly follow vegetables. The chairman of the company is a member of Parliament, Mr. Leslie Pym. The managing-director is Mr. Edgar Monro, the best known trader in Covent Garden.

How It Will Work

It will work in this way. The Government will control all imports, such as they are, through the Ministry of Food, that is the sole buyer. So it will be comparatively easy to canalise the distribution of imports. But also the Government will be the sole buyer of carrots and onions, and at a fixed price. So farmers need no longer fear a price collapse and financial disaster if they try too successfully to feed the nation.

This is a big advance on the old policy of direct subsidies to growers. The nation pays a fair price to get the food; the producer knows exactly where he is, with markets and prices assured.

Nor will it be flung at him that he is "on the dole" on account of a subsidy that amounts to a million pounds a year.

Thus will the producer benefit. But the gain to the consumer and to national health is likely to be far greater than any advantage accruing to producers. For this new organisation throws on the Government the onus of getting an increased supply of vegetables consumed.

Discreetly Vague

Lord Woolton has been discreetly vague on the distributive side of his idea. He has merely said that the company will act through the ordinary distributive channels with the trade as their agents.

But it is quite evident that the Government will not be able to afford to have a large surplus of unconsumed vegetables on their hands. They will have "to take steps," and among those steps would undoubtedly be educational publicity.

This would explain to people the value of vegetables, the need to eat them and economical attractive and easy ways of cooking them.

Already the Ministry of Food has done a certain amount to found a tradition of good house-keeping in this country. With its

homely talks about the work in the kitchen it has begun to get into quite a number of people's minds that one might as well cook as badly, that the arts of the kitchen are not synonymous with greediness or even faintly shame-worthy. Like speaking French with a French accent, but are a mark of intelligence and civilisation and play an important part in the health and well-being of the family.

The Ministry's "kitchen front" is a direct attack upon the artificial world into which we had drifted before the war. Tin was its symbol. We were eating more and more from tins, we listened to timed music and to the timed voices of film actors, we even drove about the country enclosed in tin and glass looking for something which we never seemed able to find.

But this new venture will involve more than education for better cooking. We are lamentably small consumers of vegetables although we can probably produce the best in the world.

Even in village gardens, where people understand the soil and plants and space is no difficulty, it is common to find only potatoes and perhaps a few runner beans grown. Our average weekly expenditure on vegetables is only 4½d. per head per week, and one-third of our population spend less than 3d.

Yet, with the exception of milk, there is probably no other article of food that could contribute so much to national health, especially if a variety of vegetables are eaten.

Remained Dumb

The fact is that the trade, including both growers and distributors, have never tried to sell vegetables to the public. They have remained dumb about the virtues of their product, and, if gluts occur, have merely sat down and complained about the poor prices, without making the least attempt to stimulate consumption, either temporarily or permanently. In spite of the fact that, in normal times there is scope for an increased production by at least 35 per cent., and more probably 50 per cent.

The growers have concentrated their complaints on the insignificant imports of "other vegetables" that arrive mainly when prices are high and are made up chiefly of out-of-season crops. In peacetime they represent only about 6 per cent. of the total national supply.

So far as wholesalers are concerned, there is evidence that some of them do not want to see any rationalised form of vegetable distribution that would flatten out the high prices that are obtainable at certain times or in certain places, because they, being the clever ones, are adept at making the most of this chaotic situation. A Ministry of Food, that, surely, must become a permanent part of the national structure, is the suitable and powerful instrument for straightening out such tortuous byways of our ill-organised and extravagant distributive system.

It is the obvious body to control what food imports we shall be able to afford after the war and to buy them and get them distributed economically. At home it could not only fix a price that will get the required food grown, but also fix a price and take the necessary steps to get a bumper crop consumed.

An enlightened Food Ministry should be a potent means to bet-

GERMAN TAXATION FAVOURS THE RICH

Figures showing how Hitler's New Order favours great wealth were given recently by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

A German millionaire with an income equivalent to £100,000 a year, he said, would be left with £35,000 for his personal use. A British subject would pay over 94 per cent. in taxes, leaving him with less than £6,000.

Yet Nazi propagandists suggested Britain was run simply in the interests of the rich.

BRAVERY IN TWO WARS

Capt. Thomas Victor Somerville, R.A.M.C., who, as reported has been awarded the D.S.O. for bravery in attending wounded at the Battle of Sidi Barrani, Egypt, in December, won the M.C. and bar in the last war.

In January, 1916, he crossed the Yser canal in Belgium under heavy fire to help some wounded men. For this he was awarded the M.C.

Later he was awarded a bar for attending to wounded in the firing line who could not be brought back to his post, and staying there until all troops had been withdrawn. He was subsequently wounded.

Dr. Somerville also has the Mons Star and other 1914-18 medals. After the Armistice he went to Murmansk, Russia, with the British forces, and received official recognition for his services there.

He gave up his practice at the outbreak of war and re-joined the Army at the age of 51. He was attached to a cavalry regiment now converted to a light tank unit, and went to the Middle East last September.

VICAR NOT GUILTY

The Rev. Ernest Robert D'Arcy Hutton, 31, vicar of the Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston Street, W., was found not guilty at the Old Bailey the other day on a charge of committing an improper act with a 17-year-old boy, who with a younger boy stayed at his flat. Mr. Hutton was discharged.

The trial was heard before the Common Serjeant, Mr. Cecil Wildeley, K.C.

Engineer Lt. Gilbert Lang Meeson, R.N.V.R., said that he met Mr. Hutton last Christmas. He had stayed at Mr. Hutton's flat when the boys were there, and never saw anything improper.

ter health and better living of the earth's country becoming an unmitigated disaster for the undernourished citizens of this island.

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MARSHAL PETAIN

We are publishing this week a series of articles on Marshal Petain by Henry Bernstein. The original picture of the marshal spread by his supporters was that of the old "hero of Verdun," convinced that further resistance would be catastrophic, fearful that Britain was about to fall, stepping into the awful chaos of defeat to save what was possible, hold the fragments together and with skill and firmness restore the spirit of the French nation.

M. Bernstein's picture is a very different one. It is that of a man who was in fact no "hero of Verdun"; whose defeatism was apparent as long ago as 1918; who did nothing, despite his high military position, to maintain and prepare the French Army through the post-war years; who was deeply involved with the domestic enemies of the French democracy and passive, if not friendly, toward the external menace of German Nazism; a man, with a large share of responsibility for the national weakness he now blames on others, who in the final days slipped, with his defeatism, into high place and there used his influence to complete the paralysis and hand over France to slavery in order to earn power and position for himself from the German master.

It is a powerful indictment. Much of it is documented. Much of it is corroborated from other sources. There is, for example, the article in "Foreign Affairs" by Pierre Cot, the man whom Vichy has tried to blacken as the incompetent radical responsible for French air weakness, revealing for the first time the two plans for large-scale expansion of the air force which his ministry prepared in 1937 but which were unanimously rejected by the high military committee, including Petain, Gamelin and Darlan. And much of the indictment has been corroborated by events — by the earnestness with which Vichy set itself from the beginning to root out every centre of resistance, to confuse and destroy every true French hope and to punish every sympathy with Gen. de Gaulle or Britain, by "collaboration" in all its multiple forms, by the events in Tunis and in Syria.

No such indictment, of course, can stand as the final word on anything so



THE HARBINGERS

The Spirit Of France

This is the fifth of a series of articles by the distinguished French dramatist, Henry Bernstein, exiled by the Vichy government.

France was destroyed because her spirit was destroyed. Without injustice, I can say that Marshal Petain was the symbol of what we call defeatism. A man of vast ambitions, yet the apostle of inaction, a French marshal without faith in France, he taught Frenchmen to lose faith in themselves and in their cause.

Although his popularity in the country at large was limited, he was the idol of the anti-Republican officers and soldiers. Little by little they were won over to the marshal's idea that "The Republic was a rotten regime for which there was no sense in risking their lives."

Pétainism is one of the names for the malady which beset France. Petain represented safety to those who did not want to fight; he represented peace, order, the end of the struggle with

complex as a human personality, and if it were solely a matter of Petain the man one might hesitate to present it despite the corroboration. But the matter is not personal. Vichy has been a consistent wellspring of bafflement, confusion and uncertainty in the whole problem of democratic defence. Misunderstanding of its motives has given rise to all sorts of democratic mistakes, from the Dakar fiasco to the idea that Vichy might still be used as a centre of democratic resistance on the Continent.

It is important to present this evidence tending to show that the British people in coming, as they have done, to the conclusion that Petain and his government are little more than a Nazi Trojan horse, as unrepresentative of France as Herr Abetz or "the traitor of Strasbourg," are tragically close to the truth.

Germany to a class of people with anti-Republican sympathies. But while Petain, uncommunicative and mysterious, waited in the background, content to let his name be used for strange purposes, Laval was busy.

In 1936, shortly before the Popular Front elections—the Popular Front represented the combined forces of the Communists, the Socialists, and the Radical-Socialists—I had a series of talks with prominent politicians about what was happening in France. I saw Leon Blum, who was certain that the Popular Front would be successful but, who none the less, appeared to be somewhat uneasy. I saw Herriot, who told me that Communism in France was not dangerous but that the insidious growth of Socialism was more to be feared. He was alarmed lest his own party, the Radical-

By Henry Bernstein

Socialists, would be left holding the bag. I saw Mandel, who was mistaken, and assured me that the Popular Front would not triumph. I saw Reynaud. He too was mistaken. He predicted that strikes would bring about civil war in less than a year, which in turn would lead to a German invasion.

Finally, I saw Laval. For a year there had been rumours in France that Laval and Petain would seize power—Vichy five or six years sooner. "There won't be any elections," Laval's friends declared knowingly. Instead, there was to be a Cabinet of Public Safety, headed by Marshal Petain. Six months before, the rumours had ceased abruptly. The Laval Cabinet unexpectedly resigned, and both Laval and Marshal Petain refused to be members of the Sarraut Cabinet which succeeded it—the Cabinet which had to face the entrance of the German troops into the Rhineland.

When I talked to Laval, in his modest little office on the Champs-Élysées, the Rhineland invasion was an accomplished fact. I told him I was shocked by the occupation of the Rhineland, and particularly by the non-resistance of the French. To my surprise, Laval told me frankly that he believed the Sarraut Cabinet had done the right thing in not resisting the movement of the German troops. It was necessary, in his opinion, to live on good terms with the Nazis, at all costs. Their

power, he said, was going to become invincible. (And yet, at that time France had an immense army, and Germany had practically none.)

Laval went on to tell me of an interview which he had had at Cracovia, the year before, with Goering. He was returning from Russia, where he had signed the Franco-Russian pact, and he had stopped at Warsaw to attend the funeral of Marshal Pilsudski. Goering, he said, told him that an active Franco-Russian policy would immediately lead to war. With the same frankness, Laval said, "I have done everything I could to talk with the Germans, but they maintain absolute reserve. They are impenetrable."

How, I asked, could he hope to maintain political relations with neighbours who did not state their intentions? He shook his head and repeated that France "could not afford" a war with Germany.

At Warsaw, M. Laval had met Marshal Petain, who had also been sent by the government to represent it at the funeral of Marshal Pilsudski. The two men had attended the funeral services, side by side and had returned to Paris together. What did they discuss that night?

On the future of French politics Laval was more far-seeing than any of the men with whom I had talked. He told me that the Blum Cabinet would carry out its programme too quickly, that the Popular Front would become an unpopular front, and that it would soon dissolve. Then more conservative hands would take power and would retain the essential reforms of the Blum Cabinet.

In the course of our conversation, Laval spoke of England, without hostility, but with reserve. The English attitude in regard to sanctions had not been "clear." Certainly, Mussolini had been led to believe that England and France would not interfere with his activities in North Africa until Anthony Eden had been sent from London to set him right. Laval was hated in England, where he was openly called a traitor by some of the Cabinet ministers, and he knew it.

For some months after the Popular Front elections there was no further talk of a Petain-Laval coup. Then came rumours of a gigantic conspiracy, the affair of the "Cagoullards." In July, 1937, the Rosselli brothers were assassinated, their bodies found in a forest near Bagnoles-de-l'Orne; one of them was a professor who had come from Italy, the other, a resident of France, known to be an anti-Fascist.

On September 11, of the same year, two buildings near the Arc de Triomphe were demolished by explosions. One was the headquarters of the General Federal

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Hungary's "New Order" Results In Food Shortage

(By Ray Brock in "The New York Times")

WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION in Hungary over the Hungarian invasion and occupation of Northern Yugoslavia, the apprehension and alarm caused by Germany's altered attitude toward the Magyars and the steadily tightening restrictions on the purchase of food and everyday necessities are creating an atmosphere of uneasiness and discontent among the so-called "ruling classes" throughout the Hungarian capital and the provinces.

Veiled threats in the German press and almost outspoken comment on the German radio against Budapest's huge Jewish population, which, according to German commentators, "has a stranglehold on Hungary's economic life," have generated an understandable fear among Jewish bankers and financiers that the Reich may soon attempt to extend its control over Hungarian trade and financial policy.

While the German troop concentrations in Southern Hungary have been almost entirely withdrawn by moves southward into Yugoslavia or back to Rumania, the Germans are still much in evidence. There is a Gestapo organization throughout the country with Budapest headquarters.

Every Life Changing

German officers are still billeted in Budapest's leading hotels. The familiar slate-grey German Wehrmacht automobiles are still a part of the capital's motor traffic and German non-commissioned officers and officers still frequent the cafes and restaurants and take a leading part in Budapest's night life, which, incidentally, is waning rapidly.

In Budapest this correspondent had ample opportunity to observe the changes coming over the everyday life of the Hungarians. The old Hungarian proverb—"Magyar trust not the German"—seemed almost the keynote of the Hungarian viewpoint as expressed by dozens of Hungarians in the capital.

The wealthy and the poor alike are affected by the stringent new economic decrees rationing foodstuffs, and rising prices in a country already beset by the high cost of living have stirred murmurs of discontent among even the well-to-do Budapest families. There is the feeling that Germany and the German economic "new order" are primarily responsible.

German Penetration

It is common knowledge in Hungary that the Germans have installed co-ordinators and technicians, supervisors and efficiency experts in almost every branch of Hungarian finance and industry, transport and, of course, in civil and federal administration. The Germans assumed control of the Hungarian railroads, for instance, when the German Army began its occupation of Rumania. This control never has been relinquished and to-day it has become a permanent fixture, assuming administration of time tables, rolling stock and the maintenance departments.

Hungarian boxcars and flatcars are rolling over rails the length and breadth of German-occupied Europe, pulled by Hungarian locomotives, and in Budapest there were complaints of poor food distribution because of a shortage of railroad cars to carry foodstuffs from the provincial markets to Budapest and the major part of the ultimate consumers.

Food Restrictions

Bread, butter, cheese and meats are now rationed in Hungary, along with almost all canned foods, olive oil and dozens of delicacies dear to the hearts of Hungarian gourmets. The rationing of wearing apparel, especially shoes, is the cause of growing annoyance to most Hungarians. This correspondent talked with several Hungarians who had been trying for nearly five weeks to buy one pair of shoes. These people were of more than modest means—one of them was a prosperous lawyer—and they were bitter about it.

"Imagine!" said one. "I must call in the concierge of my building to look at my wardrobe and he must testify to the local police commissariat that I really do need a pair of shoes. The police must then investigate the shoe store after the proprietor has filed a written notice with the police that I have asked to be permitted to buy a pair of shoes."

Several vouchers go through a dozen departments and eventually, perhaps, I shall be permitted to buy myself a pair of shoes, unless they have been sold to some other poor chap before I get there. And if I get them I pay seven to ten pengoes more than they cost last year. What do you think of that?"

Anti-German Sentiment

The beginnings of the unrest and anxiety in Hungary are difficult to trace. While some observers explain that the anti-German feelings of the people are almost inherent and fundamental, and that the outward expression of such sentiment has begun to increase and has become manifest only with the spread of German influence and the accompanying food shortage, rising prices and rationing, others have still another and more credible explanation.

That is that the March suicide of Count Paul Teleki, the former Hungarian Premier, and revelation that Count Stephan Csaky, the former Foreign Minister, too, probably took his own life when further resistance to the German hegemony appeared impossible, shook Hungary out of her lassitude and into wide-eyed, dismayed awareness of her danger.

Alarm Follows Awakening

Regent Nicholas Horthy's about-face under German pressure and the cynical violation of the four-month-old Hungarian-Yugoslav "oath of eternal friendship" when Hungarian troops invaded Yugoslavia behind the Germans have contributed to the "waking up" of Hungarians to the grim realities of what German penetration means for Hungary, according to these observers.

As for the results of this awakening and the alarm and dissatisfaction in the country, few responsible sources in Budapest believe the people or the army will take any direct action to right things.

"It has gone much, much too far," they say. "An army coup such as occurred in Yugoslavia is out of the question here. For one thing, the army leaders are largely pro-German. Then there is no organized opposition. We have had many risings in the past, but now peasants are disarmed and still outwardly peaceful, however dissatisfied they may be."

The Jews Leave

"No, there is no likelihood of an overthrow of the government by the army or the people. If anything, it looks as if the Nazis might stage one of their 'revolutions'—if the anti-German feeling continues to grow here—in order to march in and preserve order." Wealthy Jewish families are

CAPTIVE'S WIFE IS BOMB VICTIM

Wife of a ship's captain who was a prisoner aboard the Nazi pocket battleship Graf Spee was among the victims of an air raid on a north-east coast town recently. Her husband is at present at sea unaware of the tragedy.

A bomb scored a direct hit on the house, killing the woman and injuring her sixteen-year-old daughter, Violet.

LOST GIRL MAY BE MURDERED

Police officers investigating the disappearance of Margaret Smith, 6, who left her home in Austin Road, Hayes, on April 22, and failed to return fear that she may have been murdered.

Home Guards and scores of allotment holders joined with the police in an organized search for her.

Large areas of common land, dump and fields, ditches and reservoirs were systematically examined by the search party, which was led by Chief Inspector George Hatherill, of Scotland Yard, and Detective-Sergeant Tansell, who has been in charge of the investigations.

SHOT TWO DETECTIVES

A soldier who had been invited to the city police station at York for questioning chased policemen from room to room, firing a revolver as he ran.

He shot Detective-Inspector Capstick through the wrist and Detective-Constable Bowes in the side.

Police-Constable Barlow cornered the soldier and escaped injury because the revolver pointed at his body failed to fire when the trigger was pulled.

Then, after chasing and shooting at other officers, the soldier ran into a corridor and shot himself dead.

NO RADIOS FOR JEWS

An emergency law authorising the confiscation of radio sets for Jews in Hungary means that it is strictly carried out over 20 per cent. of the population of Hungary will be without wireless, including a large proportion of the aristocracy.

leaving Hungary as fast as they can arrange it, working through the really enormous formalities of Hungarian red-tape and bureaucracy to get passports and permission to travel. There is a steadily increasing business in forged passports in Budapest, Argentine and Bolivian passports, it might be added, are the most popular among would-be Hungarian refugees to-day.

JAPANESE OPTIMISTIC REGARDING CHINA HOSTILITIES

(By Percy Whiteing)

MILITARY, economic and other aspects of the Japan-China conflict at its present stage, from the Japanese point of view, are described in an article by the Army Information Bureau of the Imperial Headquarters, published in the "Shuho," a periodical issued by the Government's Board of Information. The director of the Army Information Bureau is Colonel Hayao Mabuchi, who was stationed in Shanghai for several years.

After briefly reviewing the progress of the conflict, the survey finds that Japan's military operations and economic and military blockade are having effects from which Chungking is suffering severely, but that it is necessary for Japan to increase her propaganda efforts so as to gain the mind of the Chinese masses.

The article translates to the following effect: During the fifteen or sixteen months from the outbreak of hostilities on July 7, 1937, at Lukouchiao to the Japanese capture of the Wuhan area, the large well-trained, modern armies of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek fought gallantly. Nevertheless they were severely beaten by our forces everywhere. They suffered 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 casualties and the loss of most of their aeroplanes and guns, which are essential to the operations of a modern army.

Since the Hankow campaign Gen. Chiang's forces adopted a different strategy, continued to the present day, of resisting our forces by guerrilla operations. In this their hope is to defeat Japan by exhausting her in a prolonged war.

Disregarding this project, however, we are guiding the China Incident into the reconstruction of China. This has tried severely the patience of the Chungking Government. It has come to the conclusion that it must revive its fighting strength by reorganising its armies and win victory by positive resistance, taking advantage of any favourable turn in the international situation.

Japanese Army Strategy

To meet this plan, the Japanese army is carrying on cleaning-up operations throughout China, thus reducing the fighting strength of the Chinese. The recent great military operations in southwest Shansi can be said to have revealed the fighting power of our forces and that of the Chinese.

The enemy forces which operated in that campaign were fifteen or sixteen divisions, comprising about 200,000 men. Our forces consisted of only a few divisions, collected from various points.

With this small force, however, we surrounded the enemy on three sides, destroyed in a few days the strong fortifications which it had taken them six months to construct, and annihilated the enemy's forces. This proves that our fighting strength has increased during the present stage of the China Incident.

Therefore, despite what Chungking may do to reconstruct its armies, it will be impossible for it to regain sufficient strength to make a general attack. The enemy will be able to maintain their forces in remote districts due to the vastness of the country. But the Japanese forces will relentlessly maintain strong pressure on them, and it is obvious that the enemy will eventually be completely defeated.

The enemy's greatest suffering is caused by the vast increase of their war expenditure and the malignant inflation caused by the lack of commodities. The fapi issue was estimated at some 6,600,000,000 at the end of 1940, compared with 1,400,000,000 before the conflict started. The fapi exchange rate on the pound sterling was 1s. 2½d. when the conflict began, but it has now fallen to about 3½d.

Blockade Of Chinese Ports

The Japanese navy's blockade of the China coast has been further intensified since last February, and Hong Kong has been deprived of its former function of

acting as a relay station for war supplies for Chungking. So the Hong Kong dollar keeps on falling. The commodity shortage at Chungking has become acute. Taking the prices prevalent there at the start of the conflict as 100, the provisions price index at the end of 1940 had reached 900, and that of clothing had climbed to 1,270. Prices have recently been further inflated. Price advances precede the fall of the fapi exchange rate, showing that the final inflation period has been entered.

The only thing that is saving the Chungking Government from financial ruin is the aid from Britain and the United States.

Loans and credits advanced by them to China since the conflict began total some \$10,400,000,000. This money has been applied to the purchase of war supplies and construction materials, and to stabilisation of the fapi.

Chungking to-day can get material solely by the Burma route. So the Chungking authorities spend much effort on trying to maintain and improve this road, but our planes are frequently bombing it, interfering with its transportation capacity.

Nanking Reserve Bank

The new Kuomintang government at Nanking established the Central Reserve Bank last January, and proceeded to issue new fapi notes. Chungking, despite its reliance on its Anglo-American friends, is in a bad way, but the new Nanking fapi are successfully circulating. Our economic blockade of the Chungking Government is just beginning to achieve its real effects. The more we intensify it, the nearer it brings the fall of our enemy.

Meantime, Japan is fighting a severe economic war with Britain and the United States. Therefore it will be a big factor in our economic blockade of Chungking for Japan to change from the economic system of dependence on Britain and the United States to the system of east Asian self-sufficiency.

The China conflict is, in one sense, a war of anti-Japanese thought, with dependence on Britain and the United States and cooperation with Communism, against East Asian friendship and anti-Communism. Our enemy proclaims that Japan is imperialistic, that Wang Ching-wei is a traitor, economic co-operation is an intrigue, Japan is being exhausted by the protracted warfare, and that the international situation is turning against Japan.

Propaganda Shown False

The facts of to-day prove that all this propaganda is false. But the Chinese troops and people in the interior believe in this Chungking propaganda, as they are cut off from the outside world. Therefore, we keenly feel the need of strengthening our propaganda.

In waging this thought war, Japan has the great advantage of her objective being based on the spirit of international brotherhood. Our true intention is to help the world to be a family, in which all will be on friendly terms. We use the sword against only those who refuse to recognise this, or resist our efforts. Our thought war, based on justice, is gaining results

DESERT GUIDE CAUGHT

A fortnight after the announcement that he was awarded the Founders Medal of the Royal Geographical Society, Captain P. A. Clayton, D.S.O., was reported prisoner of war.

Captain Clayton received the medal for his surveys of the Libyan Desert and the use of his knowledge in desert warfare during recent operations.

GERMANS BOMBING RED CROSS

The Union of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the U.S.S.R. have addressed the following telegram to the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva.

"The Union of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the U.S.S.R. resolutely protests against the repeated bombings of ambulance units and institutions by German troops which invaded the territory of the U.S.S.R."

"From June 22 to 28, German bombers attacked and destroyed hospitals in Grodno, Lide, Minsk and Smolensk. They also bombed an ambulance train in Lwow and many field ambulance stations, despite the clearly visible identification marks established by the Geneva convention for such institutions. Three bombardments resulted in casualties among medical staff, wounded and sick under treatment in hospitals."—Tass.

everywhere.

For us to reach the minds of the Chinese people is a greater matter than questions of thought or opinion. In this connection, China may be divided into three categories: (1) old China, with Chungking as its centre, which is resisting Japan; (2) interior China, which believes itself at one with the democratic, moneyed nations Britain and America; and (3) new China, centring round Nanking, which is organising itself for peace and against communism.

The future leadership of China will be decided by which of these three will bring happiness to the Chinese people. Japanese troops are welcomed everywhere by the Chinese public, but it will take time for our ideals to be fully understood by the vast masses of China.

The world situation changes daily, amid which Japan's international position is advancing. While the anti-Japanese forces in China have been pressed back to remote areas, the China conflict has built up the general wartime structure in Japan and heightened our position in the world.

Japanese Position Heightened

The China conflict has never been such a war as to exhaust Japan. Some people see only the retrenchment side of the daily life of the Japanese, and thereby arrive at the notion that the China conflict is exhausting our national strength.

The fact is, however, that our productivity is constantly increasing, and our army and navy are expanding. And we must still further make manifest the Japanese spirit of serving our country, surmounting all obstacles and difficulties.



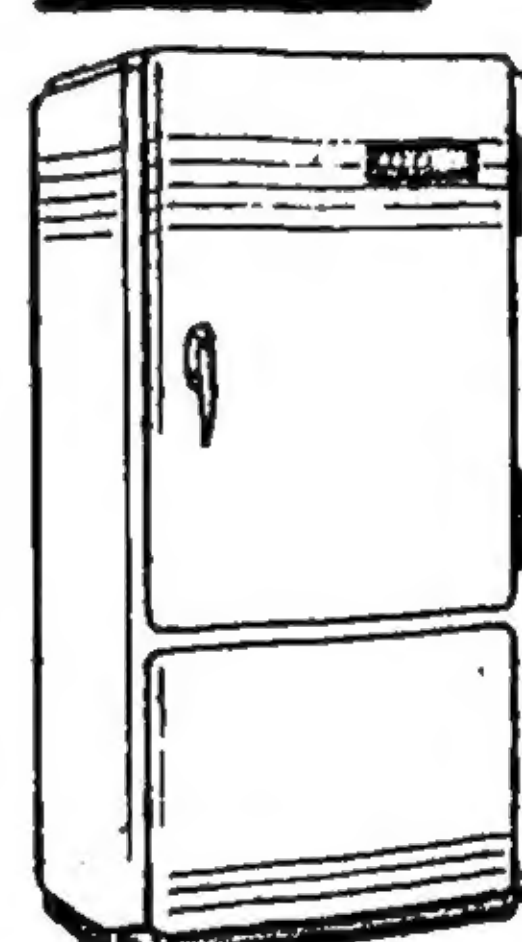
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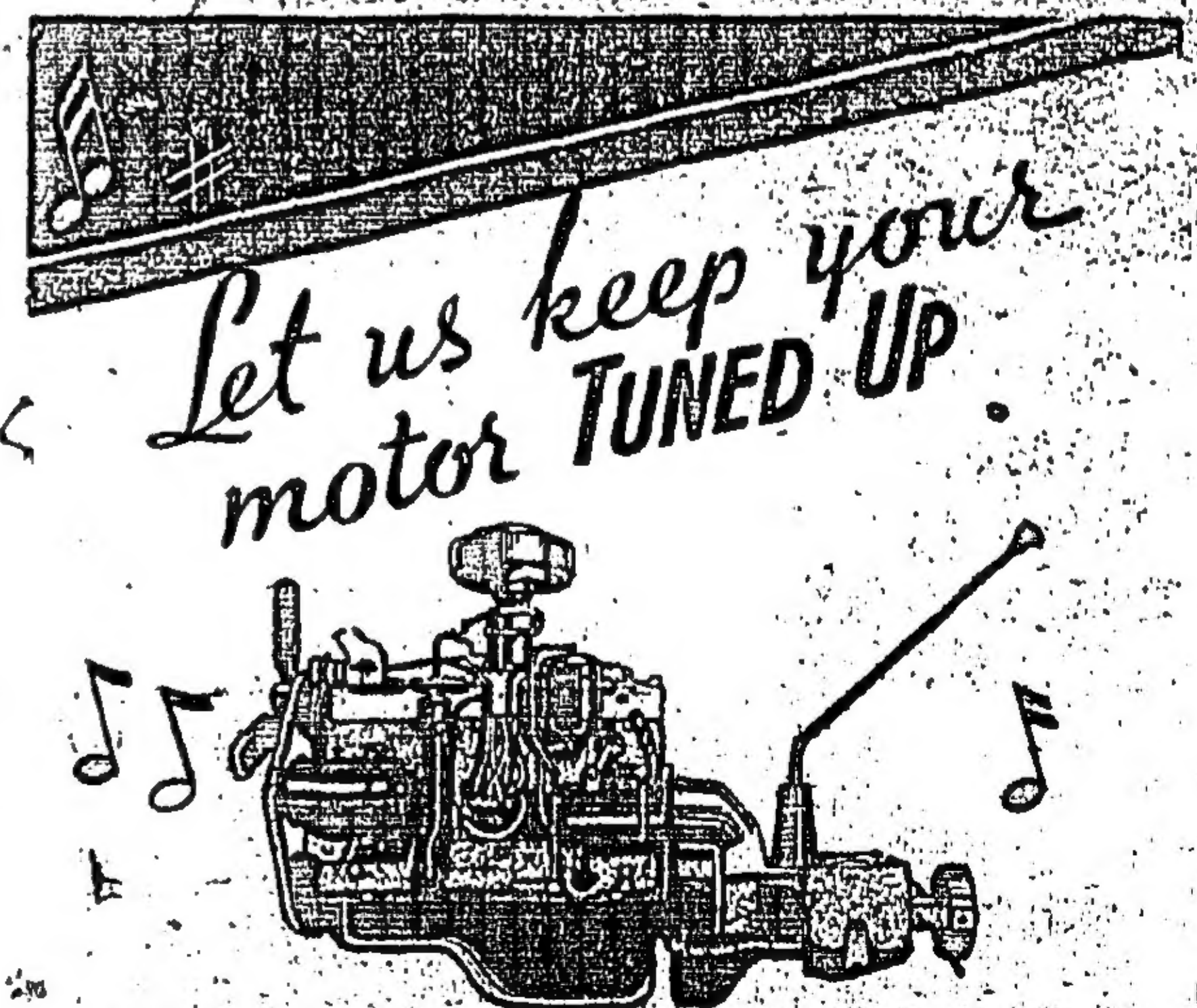
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BRIDGE NOTES

MAKE 'EM SWEAT

By The Four Aces

The other day we heard an expert giving some very sound advice to his partner, after that worthy had failed to make a game contract. "If you want to be a winning player," summed up the expert, "put the pressure on the enemy. Make 'em sweat!" Here was the hand that occasioned the lecture:

South, Dealer			
Neither side vulnerable			
NORTH			
♠	Q 10 5		
♥	10 6		
♦	Q J 10 6 3		
♣	K J 5		
WEST			
♠	J 7 4		
♥	J 9 7 3 2		
♦	8 6		
♣	A 9 4		
EAST			
♠	K 9 3 2		
♥	K 8 5		
♦	7 2		
♣	Q 10 6 2		
SOUTH			
♠	A 8 6		
♥	A Q 4		
♦	A K 9 4		
♣	8 7 3		

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West led a low heart, East played the King, and South took the heart Ace. Declarer immediately led a low club and finessed dummy's Jack. East won with the club Queen and returned a heart. South took the heart Queen and ran the diamonds, but West discarded a club and two spades and South failed to guess the spade situation. Eventually South lost another club trick and three hearts, down one trick at the three-no-trump contract.

The hand depended on a guess in one of the two black suits; but, as North pointed out, there was no need for South to make an out-and-out guess when he could put the pressure on the opponents and take the guess after noting their reaction. The hand is a very common "type," and its correct play should be noted by all who take their game seriously.

South's best chance, after winning the heart trick, consists in running the five diamonds at once. South need make only one discard—the low heart or a low club—and the opponents have to make six discards between them. Certainly South would be in a better position to guess after having noted these discards than he was before the discards were made. Nine times out of ten, indeed, the opponents tell you just what you want to know when you make them choose a number of discards. Remember the advice: Make 'em sweat!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Male
1♠ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Your hand is too strong to pass, and the most logical response is a raise in spades. Score 100% for two spades, 20% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 770

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ A 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:
Burnstone Schenken You Male
1♠ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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THE SPIRIT OF FRANCE

(Continued from Page 7)

tion of French Employers, the other the headquarters of the Union of Metallurgical Enterprises—two associations of employers.

An attempt was made to accuse the Communists, but the government had in its possession several reports from the police hinting at a vast conspiracy to foment civil war, with stores of arms hidden at strategic points, and a large disaffected group in the army—the purpose being to put Marshal Petain in power and establish a monarchy.

A couple of months later, Pierre Michelin, the great industrialist of Clermont-Ferrand (where Pierre Laval has his chateau and his newspaper), figured in an automobile accident in which his wife was killed. On investigation, curious documents were found in the car which indicated that Pierre Michelin was affiliated with a secret society with ramifications in the army and in political circles, and possessing large stores of arms.

The government began an investigation. Great quantities of machine-guns, cannon, munition, even a blockhouse, were discovered, hidden under garages, in country homes, in harmless-looking shops.

Strange facts were brought to light. The investigation revealed that two organizations were preparing for an armed uprising. One was the UCAD (Union of Committees of Defensive Action), and the other the CSAR (Secret Committee of Revolutionary Action).

From confessions obtained it appeared that the bombing of the two buildings had been done by provocative agents of the CSAR, and that the bombs had been manufactured by an engineer of the Michelin factories, named Locuty. The two employers' organizations and their employees had certainly been warned, for, at the time of the explosions, by a mysterious coincidence, none of the usual occupants was in the buildings.

The murder of the Rosselli brothers was put to the account of agents for the UCAD. Finally it was discovered that most of the armaments came from Italy, some of them being of German manufacture. Groups of men belonging to the CSAR and the UCAD were discovered in the army, the head of the UCAD being Col. Loustaneau Lacan, who was attached to the Second Bureau, in charge of information concerning Germany. Col. Lacan, formerly Marshal Petain's aide, and attached to the Cabinet when Petain was Minister of War under Doumergue, was merely asked to resign. When he was at liberty he started an anti-Communist newspaper under the name of "Navarre." One day a truck filled with copies of this anti-Communist paper was stopped at the Belgian frontier. The paper was being printed in Germany.

"It is true," admitted the members of the CSAR and the UCAD, "that we had a secret society. It was merely to protect us from Communism, as we knew the Communists were going to seize the government."

The ramifications of the affair were far-reaching. An extraordinary number of financiers and industrialists appear to have furnished funds. Many conservative politicians, and even some of the moderates, were involved. The only conservative politicians to denounce the plot hotly were Reynaud and Mandel—Reynaud and Mandel were the heads of the anti-German party in France.

The influence of the conspirators involved in the affair was so potent that the investigation was quietly lost sight of. Most of the men who had been arrested were set free some of them having spent two years in prison. While the affair was at its height, a pamphlet appeared entitled: "Petain Is the Man We Need." It was the work of Gustave Herve, ex-anarchist, ex-revolutionist, who, since his return to civilian status, had led a pleasantly cushioned life, editing a reactionary newspaper, "La Victoire," which, at vast expense to some one, was distributed free, by the thousands of copies. "La Victoire's" programme was a steady campaign for a government under the authority of Petain.

Marshal Petain, whose name was the rallying point of the conspiracy, continued to remain in the background. He declared emphatically that he had not been consulted in the affair of the Cagoulauds. His sustained friendship with its ring-leaders, up to the present time is doubtless

mere coincidence. For we learn curious things about their subsequent relations with the marshal. After the armistice, Col. Loustaneau Lacan was placed by Marshal Petain at the head of the famous state organization, the Legionaries, which replaced the organization of French War Veterans. He is still there. Charles Deloncle, head of the CSAR, arrested as one of the leading conspirators of the Cagoulauds affair, was with Marshal Petain at Vichy and is now a member of the Committee of Popular Assemblage with Laval; he is officially in charge of propaganda for collaboration with Germany.

The majority of the notorious Cagoulauds are to-day among the marshal's followers at Vichy. Some of them are with M. Pierre Laval in Paris.

THRILLING TASMAN FLIGHT

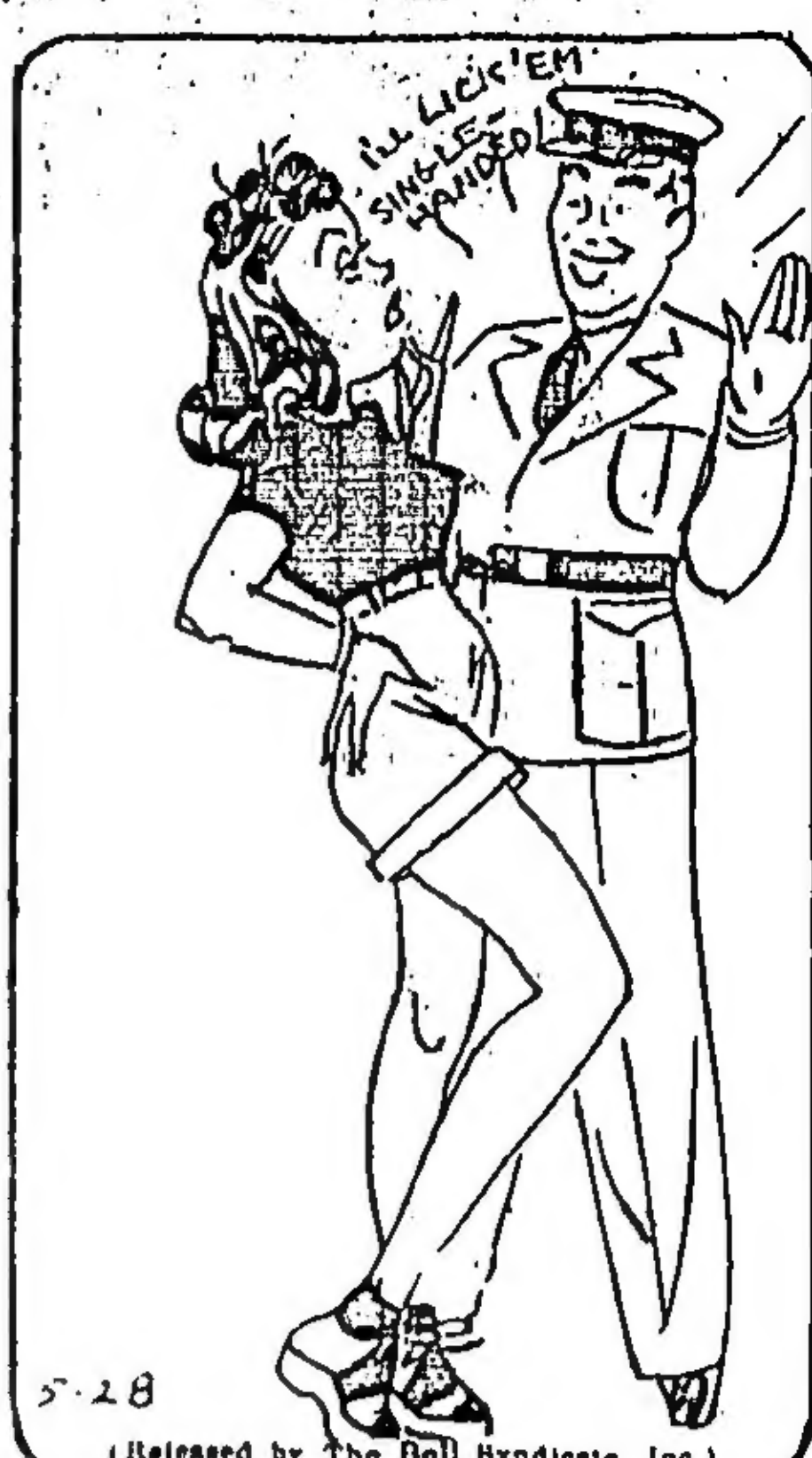
A record for the flight across the Tasman Sea from New Zealand to Sydney, Australia, was recently established.

The time was 7 hours 48 minutes—and the last 100 miles were done with one of the four engines out of action. Pilot was Capt. J. W. Burgess who established the earlier record of 7 hours 51 minutes last October.

When a cylinder head blew off the starboard outboard motor the crew of the Tasman Empire flying boat prepared to make a forced landing. Advised of the mishap, Rose Bay, Sydney base raised a rescue crew and plans were made for the rescue plane to alight alongside the disabled machine to enable passengers, freight, and mails to be transferred. But when Pilot Burgess found his machine was maintaining speed he decided to go on.

The 12 passengers were unaware of the prospect of landing in the Tasman. "We all heard the engine go; there was a bang which could be heard above the roar of the motors," stated A. W. Coles, Federal Member of Parliament, who was a passenger.

"We saw that one engine was gone but we were told the machine could fly comfortably on three. Nobody worried any more. We were only 30 minutes from port and the excitement of nearing home left no time for worry about the engine."



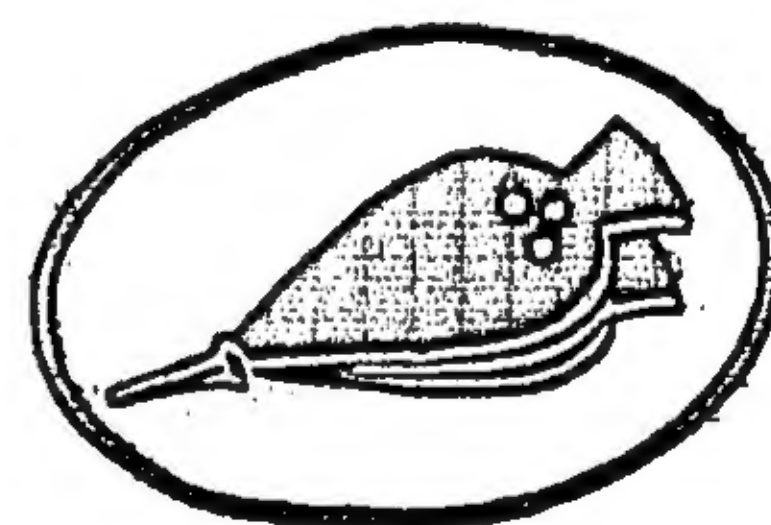
The confirmed optimist is he who thinks no worldly problem beyond his grasp.

DECENT WORLD NEEDS CHRISTIANITY

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Former Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, said in an interview that "our only hope of maintaining a decent world is dependent on Christian cooperation."

"The Christian churches, whatever their doctrinal and organizational differences, are at one in affirming the five fundamental principles of Christian civilization, every one of which is attacked by totalitarian philosophy."

Dr. Leiper names the five fundamentals as faith in the sacredness of human personality and the consequent freedom of conscience; faith in God as the author of man's nature; faith in human brotherhood; faith in the moral law as universal; faith in the possibility of order under law through the control of force in the public interest.

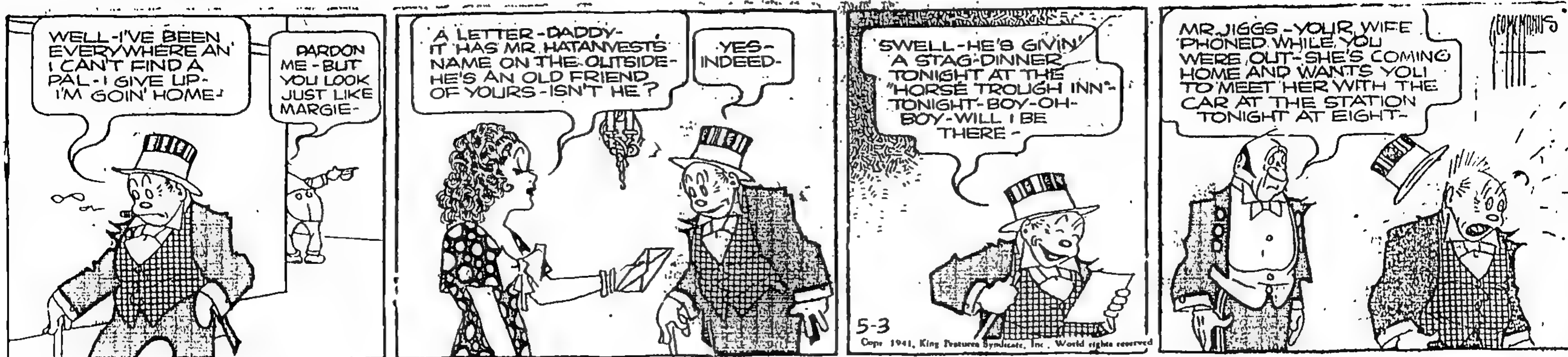


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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Facial Before Make-Up

There is nothing like a professional facial, given by skilled hands, to shake a woman out of blues. Just to toll comfortably in a chair, while nimble fingers beautify your face, is enough to restore your interest in life.

You may have got along beautifully with home treatments but now treat yourself to an hour in a salon for a thorough skin re-conditioning, before you invest in new cosmetics (especially make-up).

Watch how the operator applies the creams and manipulates the muscles of your face. Seek her advice as to what your skin needs. A conscientious operator will not try to load you down with a lot of useless beauty aids, she will endeavour to correct dryness if your skin is dry, banish wrinkles if they are there, or teach you how to treat an excess oily condition.

The thorough cleansing, softening and bleaching which your skin gets during a good facial will bring out a skin tone which you never expected was there. It is this tone which you should match with freshly mixed powder, a becoming rouge and lipstick.

If your make-up budget is limited take time to select make-up which will harmonise with most of the colour you wear. Extreme shades are for those women who can easily afford to be faddists. I am acquainted with one beauty who buys two lipsticks, two shades of face powder and two nail polishes each season. No more. Always, the effect she creates is chic, and this is because her selection of make-up is wisely made with an eye to her wardrobe and the other eye on the success shade of the season. Naturally if you can afford to indulge in various shades, do so, for matching or contrasting



Periods of relaxation and scientific facials help greatly in keeping skin exquisitely textured and toned. Lovely ELLEN DREW takes excellent care of her skin.

make-up with what you wear has many possibilities of pleasing effects which create beauty.

About Masques

If you do not have a skin masque at home, now is a good time to invest in one. If you use it once every ten days or two weeks,

you will find your skin retaining a lovely freshness which is not possible to attain otherwise. But you must seek professional advice in choosing the masque formula. Some masques are too astringent for dry or sensitive skins, while others are too complicated to use in a home treatment.

All Eyes On Your Baby

You're keen that your baby should be perfect in every way. Of course you are.

So every now and then you like to check up to make sure that he—or she—is up to standard.

Do it to-day. Just imagine a row of prize babies—all different ages.

Each bears a ticket saying just why it is perfect.

Find the ticket that describes the baby that is the same age as yours and then compare notes. And if your child comes up to prize standards—give yourself a pat on the back.

If yours is a new baby—don't throw away this page. Keep it to check up on him as he grows older. It's a fascinating game of which mothers never tire!

No. 1 is the six-months-old baby, and his ticket says: Making big stride. Wants to sit up and look round at the world. Two teeth nearly through.

Weights about 15lb. Length 25in. Can have extras—half to one teaspoonful of carrot, lettuce, spinach or sprouts—puree from a cup and spoon. Likes a tiny taste of egg yolk now and again.

No. 2 is the tiny one of a month old. This says: Actually knows his mother! Has firm, pink skin. Gains 4oz. to 6oz. weekly. Sleeps all night. Kicks vigorously when awake.

Sucks strongly and well. Feeds for fifteen to twenty minutes. Gets the wind up easily afterwards. Is about 12lb. to 1lb. heavier than when born.

No. 3 is the ten-months-old baby and it reads:

Four to eight teeth. Can jump up and down. Rolls over. Crawls—just. Likes to try to feel his feet.

Weights about 19lb. Measures 28in. Has been off the breast for two months.

Takes tiny meals. Says Ta-ta, Dad-dy and Mum-mum. Needs seventeen hours sleep. Can be promoted to an evening bath.

No. 4 is the First Birthday child. Here's how it goes:

Knows a few words. Understands a heap! Is full of ideas. Clammers for bricks, cottonreels and big, coloured beads on a wire.

Soft spot is getting small. Four big back teeth about to come through. Stands well. Walks a bit.

Weights 20lb. to 22lb. Has three meals a day. Enjoys a joke. Sleeps the clock round. Considers birthdays great fun.

No. 5 is the day-old babe. Listens:

Quiet and warmth are his needs at first. Will probably lose a few ounces before he starts to gain (but that's normal).

Dislikes to be fussed or "forced" to feed. Prefers to "feel his way" at the beginning, sucking with a will when about three days old.

Weights 7lb., roughly, if of average size. Sleeps twenty-two to twenty-three hours out of the twenty-four.

No. 6 is the three-month old. It states:

Likes a rattle. Can hold up his head on his own. Needs five 5½oz. feeds in the day at six, ten, two, six and ten.

Has gained about 4lb. since birth. Has firm, pink flesh, which may be mottled. Plays with his

fingers. Can grip quite hard. Needs fruit juice each day and little extra drinks of cool boiled water.

No. 7 is the eighteen to twenty months baby. This one says:

The soft spot has quite closed in. Baby fat giving way to more shapely muscle. Has sixteen teeth or about that number.

Runs well. Puts Teddy to bed. Does up big buttons. Not gaining quite so fast as previously. Weights 23lb. to 25lb.

Stands 30in. from the floor. Very lovable and sweet.

No. 8 is actually a double ticket, worn by twins. And it says:

Arouse interest everywhere. May be both girls or both boys as alike as two peas (or just the opposite). Or a girl and a boy who are not identically alike in looks or in ways.

Possibly premature—slightly. Generally smaller than the average child at birth.

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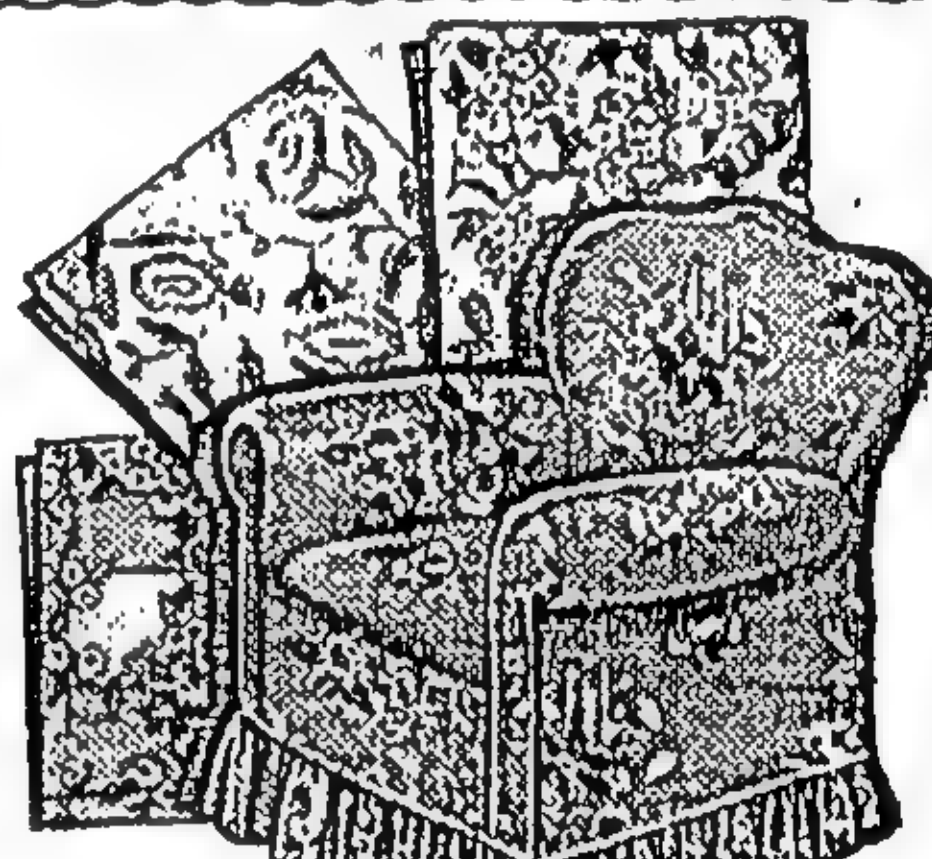
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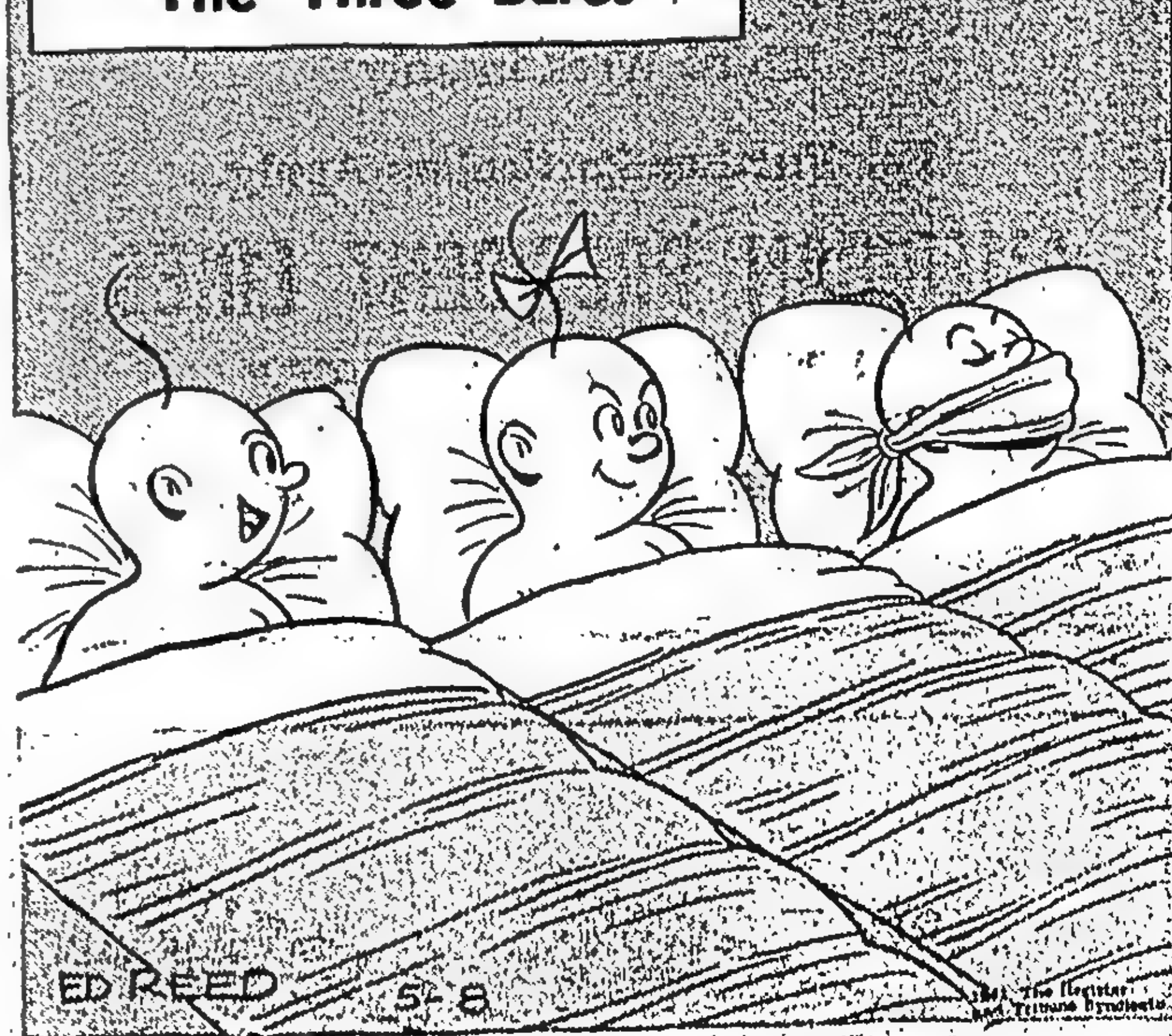
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Kenny Baker (Vocal) and Hildegard (Vocal) in Variety.

Chapel in The Valley (Rene-Lange-Porter); You Walk By (Raleigh-Wayne); Kenny Baker (Tenor) with Orchestra. Souvenir De Sicile—Mazurka. Valse (Leonardi); Valse De Concert (Enrico Marucelli); Maria Scivittaro (Mandoline) with Piano. The Moon Got In My Eyes (Burke & Johnson); It's The Natural Thing To Do (both from 'Double Or Nothing'); Hildegard with Orchestra. Piano-forte Duet—Bolero (Ravel); Variations on 'Who's Afraid Of The Big Bad Wolf' (Churchill & Ronell); Jacques Fray & Mario Braggiotti. A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody (Irving Berlin); Kenny Baker (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—The Rhondra Welsh Glee Singers.

Gipsy Laughing Chorus (J. Bell); Y Delyn Aur; The March Of The Men Of Harlech (Old Welsh Air); Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau (Land Of My Fathers).

1.15 p.m.—Johann Strauss Waltzes.

The Blue Danube; Magyar Immre's Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. Roses Of The South; Freut Euch Des Lebens (Enjoy Life); Orchestra Mascotte. Du Und Du—'Die Fledermaus'; Morning Papers; Marek Weber & his Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Duke Ellington and his Orchestra.

Echoes of Harlem (Ellington); Show Boat Shuffle (Ellington); Moon Over Dixie—Fox-Trot (Ellington & Others); Me And You—Fox-Trot; Concerto For Coolie—Fox-Trot; Never No Lament—Fox-Trot; Cotton Tail—Fox-Trot; Blue Goose—Fox-Trot; Dusk—Fox-Trot.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Humorous and Instrumental Variety.

Laughter Sketch—Our Amateur Night.

The Regal Radio Party. Organ—Tedd Bears' Picnic (Bralton); Reginald Foot. Comedy Sketch—Sandy, The All-in Wrestler (Powell, Thompson); Sandy Powell. Hawaiian—Aloha Oe; Novelty—Granny's Old Arm-Chair; Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Orchestra. Song Of The Islands; Andy Iona (Steel Guitar) with Eddie Dunstetter (Organ). Comedy—Gracie's and Sandy's Party—Gracie Fields & Sandy Powell entertain; Charlie Kunz, Reginald Dixon, Larry Adler, Joe Petersen, Jay Wilbur and Primo Scala.

7.20 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Weep No More; My Romance; Ambrose & his Orch. Swine—Beat Me, Daddy, Fright To A Bar; Twelfth Street Rag; Halchett's Swingtette. Fox-Trots—Drummer Boy (From 'Strike Up The Band'); The Little Man Who Wasn't There; Bob Crosby & his Orchestra. Tangos—Fragrant Flowers; Love Bells; Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Big Bad Bill; Jimtown Blues; The Casa Loma Orchestra. Waltzes—Beautiful Ohio; Missouri Waltz; Glenn Miller & his Orch. All Over The Place; Arthur Young's Swingtette.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—'Listening Post'. Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Light Orchestral Programme with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

Naila Waltz (Delibes arr. Doppler); Royal Opera Orchestra. Covent Garden. Oriental Prayer (Delibes); Bell Song (Delibes); Miliza Korjus with State Opera Orchestra. Suite De Danse—Intermezzo, and Valse Melancolique (Eduard Kunneke); Otto Dobrindt and Eugen Wolff. Orchestras. La Villanelle (The Swallow—Dellacqua); Miliza Korjus & Berlin State Opera Orchestra. Serenade—Valse Espagnole (O. Metra); Orchestre Ruby Goldstein.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—John Field—Sonata in C Minor, Op. 1, No. 3.

1st Mov: Non troppo allegro ma con fuoco e con espressioni; 2nd Mov: Rondo; Allegretto scherzando; Frank Merrick (Piano).

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—Popular Excerpts from Puccini's Operas.

'Tosca'—Selection; Marek Weber and his Orchestra. 'La Boheme'; Que Cette Main Est Froide; Giuseppe Lugo (Tenor) with Orch.; Musetta's Waltz Song; Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra. 'Manon Lescaut'—Intermezzo; Milan Symphony Orch. 'Madame Butterfly'—Farewell, Oh Happy Home; Alessandro Valente (Tenor) & members of La Scala Orchestra, Milan; One Fine Day; Rosetta Pampanini (Soprano) with Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Saint-Saens.

Carnival of the Animals: Introduction and March of the Lion-Hens & Cocks; Mules—Tortoise; The Elephant—Kangaroo—Aquarium—Birds; with 'Long Ears' Cuckoo; In The Woods—Birds—Fossils—The Swan—Pianists—Finale; Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Planets; Montgomery-Marrabini.

10.35 p.m.—The London Symphony Orchestra and L. Tibelt (Baritone). May Night—Overture (Rimsky-Korsakov); London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates. Daybreak When Young (from 'In A Persian Garden—Lehmann); Lawrence.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

'PLANE LOCATOR IS HAILED IN AMERICA

RADIO ENGINEERING authorities in New York confirmed the importance of the British air-plane locating device which, according to an announcement by Lord Beaverbrook in London, has played a major role in fighting off German war-planes.

"This is not one of those death-ray things," said one broadcasting company official, who, like the others consulted, asked that his name be withheld from publication. "It is a real and practical development of the radio art."

A number of American engineers and scientists, it became known, have been familiar for some time with the existence of the radio-locator because they have been called upon to cooperate in its improvement and wider application.

An understanding of secrecy with the United States War Department, however, prevented disclosure of the aeroplane-finding device until its successful use was formally announced by the British Minister of State, Lord Beaverbrook, and Air Chief Marshal Joubert. The London announcement was timed to precede the appeal for American technical men to volunteer for maintenance work on the British air-raid defence front.

Research Results Exchanged

It was learned that research results in this field are now being freely interchanged among the major electric companies, the United States Army and British military authorities. While secrecy is being maintained with respect to possible leaks to German sources, the kind of trade secrecy that gives competitive advantage in peacetime is being abandoned in the interest of speedier defence discoveries.

What is believed to be the general principle of British radio-locator can be explained as follows: It has long been known that radio waves, on striking an obstacle, are reflected—somewhat as sound waves are reflected to make an echo. The shorter the waves, the sharper the echo. The device, therefore, uses extremely short waves, sometimes referred to as "microwaves."

The echo principle has been widely used in the U.S. to measure the varying height of the ionosphere, an electrified layer in the upper air which reflects radio waves and which, in fact, makes it possible for short waves to be transmitted beyond the horizon. The principle has also been applied to the absolute altimeter, an aeroplane safety instrument which measures the height of an aeroplane above the ground, or its possible proximity to a mountainside, by timing the echo of a short-wave beam.

An Altimeter In Reverse

The radiolocator might be described as an absolute altimeter in reverse. A sharp focused beam of short radio waves, is sent out from a ground station and sweeps the sky like an invisible search-light.

On striking the surface of an enemy aeroplane the beam is reflected. Sensitive radio detectors are tuned in to catch the faint "echo."

So accurate are these detectors, it is reported, that they can estimate not only the direction but also the distance of the approaching plane. The beam penetrates fog and cloud, day and night. It has a speed advantage over the acoustic detectors, whose large curved listening horns are often seen in photographs of air-raid defence stations. Sound—which the listening detector picks up from the vibrations of motor and propeller—travels through the air at 700 miles an hour, which is only about twice the speed of a fast bomber. Thus, by the time a bomber is located by this method, it will

Tibelt (Baritone) with Orchestra. A Night At The Proms—Intro. Carmen—Prelude to Act I (Bizet); Symphony No. 6—in B Minor—'The Unfinished' (Schubert); William Tell—Overture (Rossini); Fingal's Cave—Overture; Spring Song (Mendelssohn); Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G (Bach); London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Henry Wood. Do Glory Road (from 'Metropolitan'—Wood & Wolfe); Lawrence Tibelt with Piano.

11.00 p.m.—London—War Correspondence.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

already have flown some miles from the located spot. Radio waves, on the other hand, travel at 186,000 miles per second.

While these principles are generally current among technical men of all nations, the development of the appropriate microwave-generating tubes and sensitive yet rugged devices for their reception represents a recent research achievement. This achievement is embodied in Britain's new radio locator.

WAR CURBS GAMBLING

Though Britain spent considerably less on gambling during 1940, according to the Seventh Annual Report of the Churches' Committee on Gambling, this was due less to a change in outlook by the gamblers than to lack of opportunity because of wartime conditions.

Several protests were made to the Government during the past year, and certain restrictive measures were taken. Reference was made to the resumption of horse-racing, the continuation of greyhound racing, the amount of time, money, and newspaper devoted to football pools, and the growth of night clubs for officers and men on leave from the Services.

One special problem resulting from the war and taken up by the Committee has been the question of gambling in air raid shelters. While admitting that this was confined to small groups, the Report maintains that it was too prevalent to be ignored. Incidentally it is interesting to note that the statement on this question drawn up by the Committee and addressed to church and social workers played a definite part in the movement for improving conditions and introducing a better moral atmosphere into shelters.

The Committee is still able, despite wartime difficulties, to collect facts and figures relating to every form of gambling, and hopes to serve as an international clearing house for data on gambling problems.

"BATTLE OF BRITAIN" PINS

The first shipment of "Battle of Britain" novelty pins made from fragments of air bombs and anti-aircraft shells has reached the United States from Britain and are now on sale throughout the country it was announced by British American Ambulance Corps.

Mrs. Hubert Martineau, Chairman of the Corps' Aid-to-Britain Division, said the pins, bearing a "Made in England" stamp on the reverse, and "Battle of Britain" on the face, come in the many different shapes in which the fragments fell. These fragments go through a cleaning, annealing and polishing process in Britain and are being given a 24-karat gold plating in the United States. The British American Ambulance Corps will receive 25 per cent. of the retail price, which is \$1.50.

During the first five months of the fiscal year, beginning on December 1, 1940, Bundles for Britain, at No. 745 Fifth Avenue, sent \$1,647,740 in goods and funds for relief to Britain, it was announced.

SWIMMING RECORD

In the course of a swimming meet at Marseilles, the French swimmer Nakache broke the world's record for the 200 Metres breast-stroke, covering the distance in 2 minutes 30 8/10 seconds.

The previous record was held by the American, J. Kasley, with a time of 2 minutes 37.2 seconds.

HOCKEY TOURNEY ON SKATES

ENTRIES FOR THE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT ON ROLLER SKATES, SPONSORED BY "CHI YIN YAT PO," HAVE NOW BEEN OFFICIALLY OPENED AND WILL CLOSE NEXT TUESDAY, JULY 22.

All the teams or clubs interested in roller-skating hockey games desiring to take part in this tournament are invited to send in their entries to the management of "Chi Yin Yat Po," Lee Yuen Street, East, before next Tuesday. There is no entrance fee.

The Tournament is expected to start on Saturday, July 26, and matches will be played twice a week, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, commencing at 6 p.m., at skating rinks in Kowloon and Hong Kong.

The Tournament will be run on a home-and-away basis should less than six teams enter.

Twelve players, including the captain, are allowed to register for each team in the Tournament, and the champions and runners-up will each be presented with a silver cup, while all players registered in such teams will each receive a medal at the conclusion of the competition.

FLEW FATHER'S SPITFIRE

One of five new recipients of the D.F.C. is Actg. Sqdn. Ldr. Barrie Heath, No. 611 Squadron, Auxiliary Air Force, whose father, Mr. G. F. Heath, gave a cheque in December to buy a Spitfire on the understanding that it should be named after another son who died in the last war after shooting down a German ace.

At the time Mr. Heath asked whether it would be possible for his son Barrie to fly the machine, and he was told this would be arranged.

The D.F.C. has also been awarded to: Flt. Lt. D. H. Watkins, 611 Squadron, A.A.F.; Actg. Flt. Lt. J. E. Marshall, 85 Squadron; Flt. Offs. J. S. Norton, 603 Squadron, A.A.F., and H. C. Upton, 43 Squadron.

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110, WEDS 10TH TIME

Lizzie Deever, 110, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, became a bride for the tenth time when she married John Knight, 77, her neighbour in New York.

She originally planned the marriage for her birthday, but an attack of influenza kept her in bed.

Asked to what she attributed her romantic old age, she explained that her father was a Cherokee Indian and her mother Dutch and Irish.

"That's the meanest mixture there is," she commented. "That's why I'm tough."

"Man, I've been snakebitten nine times, bitten by a mad dog twice, had nine husbands, and I'm still here."

VILLAGE HAS OWN SOLDIER

A village with a population of 301 is paying £25 a year to the Government for its own soldier—just as it has done for 400 years.

A fund was started in the sixteenth century by the vicar, Robert Dowse, of Bitteswell, Leicestershire.

ILLINOIS CALL TO HITLER

The Rockford Chapter of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies urged that peace-loving people cable Adolf Hitler to stop the war, instead of wiring President Roosevelt to keep peace.

The Chapter cabled Herr Hitler whom they addressed as "Warmonger No. 1, Berlin," after hearing the President's address.

The message to Herr Hitler demanded: "You abide by your pledged word and stop bombing defenceless women and children and open towns and cities; return all territory you have seized unlawfully and which you pledged in 1939 you had no designs upon; keep your pledged word to the German people. There will be no war."

"Whenever it should happen." For this purpose a third of the income from the charity was set aside.

"Robert Dowse was vicar of the parish in 1543," the present vicar, the Rev. H. F. Topliss, told the "Daily Mirror."

"The money comes from land and cottages in the parish, and has provided armed men for the King during the past 400 years."

Ten Bitteswell men are now serving with the Forces.

CORELESS APPLE

Mrs. Libbie Wilcox, who likes to experiment with trees and flowers, has discovered a coreless, seedless apple.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says it's the first of its kind and is experimenting with blossoms seeking the secret of the fruit in which there's no waste.

The tree grew from a seed Mrs. Wilcox planted. It's 10 years old and always has borne coreless, seedless fruit, she said. The apple is red and exceptionally large, averaging more than a quarter-pound.

Mrs. Wilcox sent specimens to the Agriculture Department last year. Horticulture experts wrote that they had seen coreless, seedless pears, but never such a rarity in apples.

They were anxious to examine the blossoms. They had to wait until this spring's blossoms were available but received several choice ones recently. Experiments are to be conducted at a Government station in Maryland.

Mrs. Wilcox describes herself as "simply a housewife whose hobby from childhood has been monkeying with trees and flowers."

Mrs. Wilcox said she preferred not to say what variety of seed she planted. She said further details must await results of the Government experiments.

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H.K. FOOTBALL ASSN. TO BUY WAR LOAN: NO NEW PREMISES

THE PROPOSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. WONG KA-TSUN, THAT THE ASSOCIATION INVEST \$5,000 IN HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAR LOANS MET WITH UNANIMOUS APPROVAL AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF H. K. FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR THE 1941-42 SEASON, HELD LAST EVENING.

MINIATURE RACE MEET AT RECREIO

Club de Recreio's first miniature race meeting will be held this evening at the C. J. 9 p.m. Proceeds are for the B.W.O.F.

LOCAL SOCCER COMMENCES ON SEPTEMBER 27

The first meeting of the League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association was held yesterday, immediately after the Council meeting when the composition of the various divisions of the League was decided upon.

Mr. J. Skinner was elected as chairman and the other members present were Messrs. Wong Ka-tsun, chairman of the Association, Capt. R. E. Guest, Messrs. T. G. Stokes, H. K. Lee, W. J. Brown, R. M. Omar, J. C. Guimang, C. A. Goldenberg, Hon. Secretary and L. Souza, Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Skinner said it was desirable to have the composition of the League decided upon as soon as possible and the fixtures arranged so that the Rugby sections of clubs could be able to fit in their fixtures in the mutual benefit of clubs.

Sappers Promoted

Three new clubs, applications for admission to First Division, after some discussion it was decided to admit Royal Engineers into First Division. The applications of Royal Artillery and Kit Choo were not granted.

Twelve teams were admitted to the Second and Third Divisions and it was decided that in view of the large number of entries Clubs will be asked to play off a number of League fixtures during the week so that all 16 clubs could be accommodated.

The applications of Lanford and Tung Yee to Second Division were refused and they were permitted to participate in Third Division.

It was decided that the opening date of the football season be Saturday, September 27.

Following are the compositions of the three divisions of the League:

FIRST DIVISION

St. Joseph's, Kowloon, Club, Police, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Kwong Wah, Royal Navy and Royal Engineers, 12 teams.

SECOND DIVISION

R.A.O.C., Club, Kit Choo, South China, Sing Tao, 7th R.A., 12th R.A., Royal Engineers, Kwong Wah, Royal Scots, Police, R.A.S.C., Middlesex, Eastern, Signals, Kowloon, 10 teams.

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C., Shell, International, Signals, R.A.M.C., R.A.F., Pul Ngai, Tung Yee, Lanford, 7th R.A., 30th R.A., 30th R.A., 12th R.A., 24th R.A., 20th R.A. and 66th R.A., 16 teams.

A meeting will be held next Thursday to arrange the first games of the season, Messrs. T. G. Stokes and J. Skinner and Capt. R. E. Guest were elected to the fixture committee.

HIGH JUMP MARK NEARS SEVEN FEET

At Los Angeles, two world athletics records were created on July 18, L. S. Steers clearing 6 ft. 11 ins. in the High Jump, while University of California's four-men relay team covered the Mile Relay in 3 mins. 9.4 secs.

Steers has been in magnificent form lately, this being the third time within a few weeks that he has improved on the High Jump figure which are fast reaching 7 feet.

The California Relayers were opposed to a Southern California quartette who finished a few inches behind. The previous Mile Relay record was 3 mins. 10.7 secs., by a British four.—Reuter.

The previous record of 6 ft. 9 1/2 ins. was held jointly by Cornelius Johnson and David Albritton.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. W. Pryde, H. K. Lee, R. M. Omar, K. K. Ip, W. Brown, C. Ying, J. Skinner, Mok Hing, J. C. Guimang, T. G. Stokes, Lt. Comdr. G. S. Hugh Jones, Capt. R. E. Guest, Lieut. M. Bell, Messrs. C. Goldenberg (Hon. Secretary) and L. Souza (Assistant Secretary.)

The meeting also decided to take advantage of the clause in the lease for the premises to renew the lease for a further period of two years, after some discussion following a proposal by Mr. Brown that more elaborate premises were desirable.

No New Premises Yet

Mr. Pryde said that he had at one time served on the sub-committee charged with the task of finding suitable premises and he assured the meeting that it was not an easy matter. They were fortunate, he said, to have secured the present offices, through the Association's treasurers, at what was at the time considered very reasonable rental. Furthermore, Mr. Pryde continued, he felt sure the arrangements could always be made for the loan of a larger room should occasion arise to require one for a general meeting. Under the circumstances he felt the Association would not be justified in committing itself to further expense by launching out in more elaborate premises.

Mr. Pryde was supported by the chairman and Capt. Guest.

Applications by three new clubs, Tung Yee, Lanford and Pul Ngai Recreation Club were placed before the meeting and approved, and it was further announced that all old clubs had renewed their affiliation to the Association.

Election Of Officers

Mr. C. Ying, representing South China Athletic Association, in proposing the re-election of Mr. C. A. Goldenberg as Hon. Secretary, said he first wished to thank Mr. Goldenberg and his assistant, Mr. Souza, for the very efficient way in which they had carried out their duties last year. He felt they could not do better than re-elect Mr. Goldenberg. There being no further nominations, Mr. Goldenberg was unanimously re-elected.

The following sub-committees were appointed:—

Appeals Board: The President and Vice-President of the Association.

Referee's Sub-Committee: Messrs. R. M. Omar, T. G. Stokes and H. K. Lee. Emergency Sub-Committee: Messrs. J. Skinner, W. Brown and Capt. R. E. Guest.

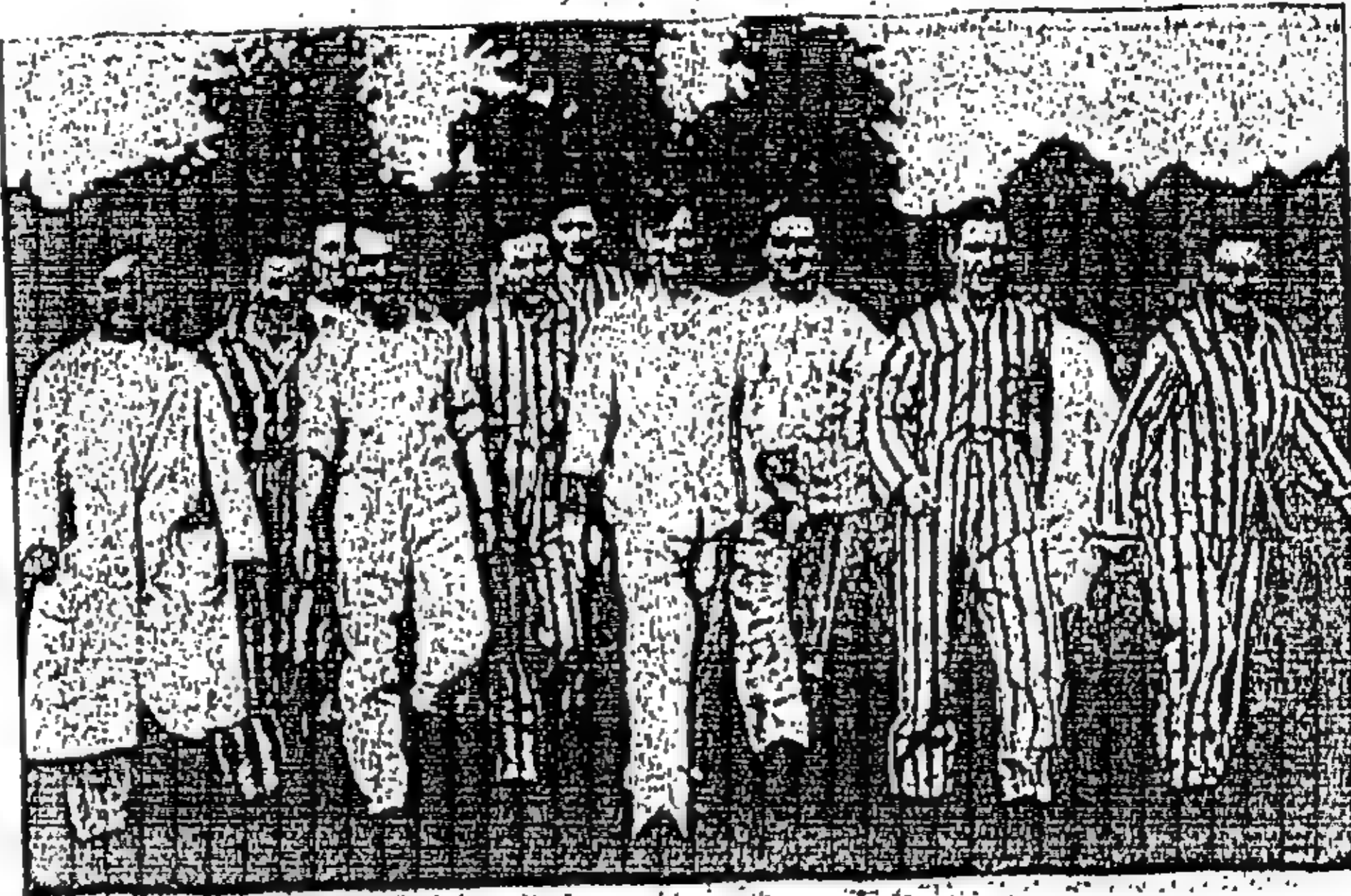
Grounds Sub-Committee: Messrs. J. C. Guimang, Mok Hing and W. M. Glover.

It was decided that the monthly meetings of the Council will be held on the second Thursday of each month.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:

A.T.C.	v.	I.R.C.
P.O.R.C. (1)	v.	K.I.T.C.
J.R.C.	v.	C.R.C.
F.C.	v.	P.O.R.C. (2)
S.C.A.A.	v.	O.C.C.
K.I.T.C.	v.	K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; U. H. Esmail and A. H. Mehal; K. Singh and N. S. Singh.
I.R.C.	v.	M. Hassan and K. Nazarin; M. S. Hassan and M. T. Razack; G. Singh and A. J. Sulland.
F.C.	v.	B. Poon and P. Poon; F. Gonzalez and W. Lee; T. S. Hui and L. F. Souza.
C.R.C.	v.	Yue Wing-chung and Yue Kwong-chung; C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy; Yin Chan and C. T. Tso.
J.R.C.	v.	A. R. Pollak and B. Godkin; B. R. Ramler and M. Talan; E. Whitcomb and A. Odell.
S.C.A.A.	v.	C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau; W. H. Mok and P. Y. Kwok; K. C. Wong and S. T. Chung.



Because of the coupon problem in buying cricket shirts and trousers, two military teams provided an 'extraordinary' sight during a recent match. Canadians of the R.A.M.C. challenged the R.A.S.C. to turn out for a match in pyjamas, thus starting a new fashion in sporting attire. The latter accepted the challenge on condition that R.A.M.C. would wear pyjamas at a forthcoming baseball match. Our photograph shows the R.A.S.C. team, clad in pyjamas, going out to field in the match.

SHANGHAI SWIMMING ASSOCIATION CO-OPT. LADIES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 1940 RECORDS

Breaking all precedents in local swimming annals the Shanghai Amateur Swimming Association has this season co-opted two ladies to serve on the Executive Committee and appointed a press agent, writes the "China Press."

THREE THIRD DIVISION TENNIS GAMES

Three matches in Third Division of the Tennis League were played yesterday but two were postponed owing to the fact that the grounds on which they were to have been played were found to be unfit for play. Following were the results:—

Recreio Beat University

At King's Park Club de Recreio beat University by 8 1/2 sets to 1 1/2. Scores were:—

F. A. Remedios and B. A. Marques (Recreio), drew with P. K. Hui and S. L. Yong 6-6; beat Ip Yee and O. Thomas 6-3; beat K. Y. Tam and P. Liu 7-5.

J. Fonseca and R. P. Botelho (Recreio) beat Hui and Yong 6-4; beat Yee and Thomas 6-2; beat Tam and Liu 6-3.

G. A. Noronha and A. E. Noronha (Recreio) beat Hui and Yong 7-5; beat Yee and Thomas 6-1; beat Tam and Liu 6-4.

Kowloon C.C. Win

At Cox's Road Kowloon Cricket Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 6 1/2 sets to 2 1/2. Scores were:—

N. Llewellyn and J. Anderson (K.C.C.) lost to A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell 2-6; beat M. Hassan and A. J. Sulland 6-4; beat M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail 6-3.

R. Klose and J. W. Joyce (K.C.C.) beat Rahmin and Kitchell 6-2; drew with Hassan and Sulland 6-6; beat Madar and Esmail 6-4.

Q. M. Gillard and R. Baker (K.C.C.) lost to Rahmin and Kitchell 4-6; beat Hassan and Sulland 7-5; beat Madar and Esmail 6-2.

South China Up

At Kowloon Tong the home team were beaten by South China by 8 sets to 1. Scores were:—

H. Hui and D. Chen (Kowloon Tong) lost to C. Lee and H. N. Wong 2-6; drew with K. C. Shih and K. T. Fung 6-6; lost to H. K. Ho and K. T. Ng 5-7. E. Lee and L. Chen (Kowloon Tong) lost to Lee and Wong 3-6; lost to Shih and Fung 5-7; lost to Ho and Ng 3-6. D. Kwok and A. H. Basto (Kowloon Tong) lost to Lee and Wong 2-6; lost to Shih and Fung 6-6; drew with Ho and Ng 6-6.

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	4	0	0	33	11 1/2	0	8
A.T.C.	4	3	1	0	29 1/2	10 1/2	6
Recreio	4	3	1	0	28	10	6
C.R.C. (2)	2	2	0	13	5	4	4
C.R.C. (1)	2	1	0	13 1/2	13 1/2	4	4
C.C.C.	4	2	0	18 1/2	17 1/2	4	4
K.I.T.C.	5	2	3	25	20	4	4
K.C.C.	5	2	3	13	32	4	4
H.K.U.C.	4	1	3	14 1/2	21 1/2	2	2
K.T.G.C.A.	4	1	3	0	14 1/2	30 1/2	0
I.R.C.	5	0	5	0	38	0	0

Games Postponed

The matches between Chinese Recreation Club and Army Tennis Club against Kowloon Indian Tennis Club and Craigflower Cricket Club respectively were postponed.

EASTERN'S SURPRISE DECISION

By "Referee"

Yesterday's cable report that Eastern's touring football team are so taken up with Australia that they intend applying for permission to remain there and play as a team has caused a considerable stir in Chinese football circles, particularly among the Shanghai element.

Though Eastern were the club granted official permission by the Football Association to make the tour, a number of Sing Tao players are included in the side.

Should the players not return, Eastern and Sing Tao will be greatly affected and will hardly be able to raise a side for First Division, as most of their junior players are not yet up to the required standard.

Permission for the tour was granted on the strict understanding that the party were back in Hong Kong by the first week in September.

F.A. Meeting

Football Association met last night to decide the composition of the various divisions of the League, and it will be a pity, after including Eastern and Sing Tao in First Division, if these two teams are unable to fulfil their fixtures.

Mr. Sze Po-wai, committee member of Eastern, said that he was surprised at the report. It was only recently that he cabled to Mr. Chang Fook-yue, manager of the touring team, informing him that he, Chang Fook-yue, had again been elected manager at the annual meeting.

A cable was received from Chang a few days ago that Eastern would be concluding their fixtures soon, and would be in Hong Kong in time for the start of the League.

A Sing Tao official last night said that he was certain there was little truth in the report. Permission to stay would not be granted easily. It was possible that a few of the players might stay in Australia for a while after the departure of the team.

It is understood that return passage was booked from Hong Kong and an undertaking was given the Australian Immigration Authorities for the team to leave together at the conclusion of their tour.

Players in Party

Following are the players at present in Australia:

Cheng Wing-choy (Sing Tao) (goal-keeper).
Sui Tim-lin (Sing Tao) (goal-keeper).
Lee Ting-sang (Sing Tao) (full-back).
Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao) (full-back).
Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern) (full-back).
Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao) (half-back).
Leung Wing-chiu (Sing Tao) (half-back).
Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao) (half-back).
Chui Ah-fai (Sing Tao) (half-back).
C. T. Tsoo (Eastern) (right-wing).
Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) (inside-forward).
V. K. Myul (Eastern) (centre-forward).
Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern) (inside-forward).
Yeung Shui-yick (Sing Tao) (right-wing).
Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao) (inside-forward).
Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern) (inside-forward).
Tang Kwong-sun (Sing Tao) (right-wing).
Hau Ching-to (Eastern) (left-wing).
Ip Pak-wah (Sing Tao) (left-wing).

220 Yards free-style:—W. Lawrence, 2 mins. 25 secs. (1935).
440 Yards free-style:—Chan Chun-nam, 5 mins. 25 1/2 secs. (1940).
880 Yards free-style:—Chan Chun-nam, 11 mins. 15 3/5 secs. (1940).
100 Yards breast-stroke:—Ng Nin, 70 secs. (1940).
100 Yards back-stroke:—Lau Po-hei, 08-4/5 secs. (1930).

LADIES' EVENTS

50 Yards free-style:—Miss V. Churn, 31-2/5 secs. (1940).
100 Yards free-style:—Miss L. Mead, 06-3/5 secs. (1934).
440 Yards free-style:—Miss C. Gutierrez, 6 mins. 57-3/5 secs. (1940).
100 Yards back-stroke:—Miss L. Sadick, 05 secs. (1940).

100 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss L. Po-luen, 05 secs. (1940).

BOYS' EVENT

100 Yards free-style:—G. Ivanovich, 00-4/5 secs. (1940).

Colony Records

For purposes of comparison it is interesting to note that the Colony records are as follows:—

MEN'S EVENTS

57 Yards free-style:—Ng Nin (1940) and D. H. Taylor (1939) 24-4/5 secs.
100 Yards free-style:—D. Hutchinson, 00-1/5 secs. (1940).

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

Civil Service Cricket Club, who beat Police R.C. in First Division last week are experimenting this Saturday with a change-over of skips of two rinks.

Deakin takes over the rink led by McGowan last week, comprising Crawley, Colledge and Purvis, with the exception that Burling comes in as No. 3 in place of Purvis, who is not playing in this game.

McGowan will lead Gellatly, Carr and Simmonds—front men to Deakin last week—while in Rakusen's four Harper takes over No. 1 position from McKay, who is an absentee.

Volunteer duties this week-end have necessitated quite a number of changes in the Recreation teams.

In First Division their "A" team will be considerably reshuffled. There is one change in F. X. Silva's rink, at No. 2, Rodrigues coming in to replace Marques. In the four led by Luz, Pereira and Ribeiro, at Nos. 2 and 3 respectively, will be replaced by Silva and Guterres, while Dick Alves, who skipped last week, will not be playing this time, and Carlos Silva returns to the side to lead D. C. Alves. C. E. Marques, J. J. Basto, H. A. Alves, four last week were J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques and J. F. V. Ribeiro.

The "B" team is changed about even more, none of the skips playing last week being available.

C. C. Pereira takes over from C. M. Silva and, while he retains the first two men in F. A. Machado and A. F. Noronha, there will be a change in the No. 3 berth, Carvalho playing instead of J. C. Remedios. J. J. Basto, promoted to "A" team this week, will have his place filled by C. A. Lopes as skip. Osmond remains as lead, but A. P. Pereira comes in as No. 2 in order that C. H. Basto may move down to No. 3.

F. de Souza, No. 3 last week to the promoted Guterres, takes over duties as skip and will retain Vas at No. 1, but A. M. Xavier will replace Alarcon at No. 2, while Souza's position at No. 3 will be filled by J. A. Remedios.

In Third Division, for their match with Hong Kong Football Club, many changes have been effected. M. F. Pinna, who led E. Alarcon, Pereira and Alves last week, will have as his front men this time Sequeira, Almeida and Mendonca. Yvanovich's two "middle men", Ribeiro and G. Guterres, will be replaced by G. A. Pinna and Alves (No. 3 to M. Pinna last week), while H. R. Pinna takes over the third rink from M. Guterres, with E. Alarcon lead to M. Pinna last week. Xavier and Roza as his front men. Guterres' rink last week comprised Campos, Lopes and Roza.

Indian Recreation Club are making only one change in their First Division team. Dallah and Minu retain the same four, but M. R. Abbas will have

a new No. 2 in M. B. Hassan, who was No. 2 to Madar in Third Division last week. The newcomer displaces K. M. Rumjahn, the latter going No. 3 to A. G. Sufflad in Third Division on Saturday.

In Third Division a number of changes have also been made. A. M. Wahab keeps the same four, but A. O. Madar, who skipped the third rink last week, will not be available this Saturday and his place will be taken by A. G. Sufflad, who will have M. I. Razack, J. M. A. Rumjahn and K. M. Rumjahn as his front men.

Changes in S. M. Rumjahn's four are that J. M. A. Rumjahn will be replaced at No. 1 by M. U. Razack, who was No. 3 last week. M. A. Wahab, No. 2 last week, will move down to No. 3, while M. Hassan, lead to Madar last Saturday, will be seen at No. 2.

Like all the other clubs, Kowloon Bowling Green Club have also made some changes in their teams in First Division.

In the "A" team Holland keeps the same four he had last week, but Duncan, who was No. 3 to Hall last Saturday, will be leading Phillips, Levett and McKelvie, the last named skipping a four made up of Phillips, Levett and Drew last Saturday. In Hall's rink Sykes, No. 3 to Peckham in the "B" team last Saturday, changes places with Lockhart who was lead to Hall last Saturday, whilst Peckham, skip-

ping a rink last week, will be No. 3 to Hall this time.

Meyer's "B" rink will be affected by one change, Drew who played No. 3 to McKelvie in the "A" team last week coming into the same position in Meyer's four to take the place of Gill, who is an absentee.

McNeill was skip to Elphick, Bower and Guy last week. This week Guy goes skip and McNeill No. 3, otherwise the rink remains the same. Sheriff, who takes over skip duties from Peckham, will have Hodder, Dixon and Lockhart in front of him. Peckham had Hodder, Dixon and Sykes.

In Third Division K.B.G.C. were "resting" last Saturday. For their match this week-end they will have the same team that scored a clean sweep win over Craigengower on July 5, no changes having been made.

Following are some of the selected teams:

GAME POSTPONED

Owing to Volunteer exercises some changes have had to be made in the Second Division Lawn Bowls League fixtures. Recreation cannot raise a team and have called off their fixture with Prison Officers.

Kowloon Tong have done the same with their match against

Hong Kong Cricket Club, who have taken the opportunity to arrange with P.O.C. to play off their match, postponed from May 24, on account of rain. This game will be played at Stanley.

CIVIL SERVICE

First Division (v. Recreation "B", away):—J. Gellatly, J. R. Carr, E. W. C. Simmonds and J. F. McGowan (skip); H. F. Harper, A. F. Shepherd, V. S. Ebbage and M. N. Rakusen (skip); P. D. Crawley, W. H. Colledge, W. J. Burling and J. W. Deakin (skip). Reserve: M. Scott.

CLUB DE RECREIO

First Division ("A" v. Police R.C., away):—D. C. Alves, C. E. Marques, J. J. Basto and C. G. Silva (skip); L. F. Xavier, A. Rodrigues, J. E. Noronha and F. X. Silva (skip); F. X. Soares, L. J. Silva, A. Guterres and R. F. Luz (skip).

First Division ("B" v. C.S.C.C., home):—A. J. Osmond, A. P. Pereira, C. H. Basto and C. A. Lopes (skip); F. A. Machado, A. F. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho and C. C. Pereira (skip); C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and E. Sousa (skip).

Third Division (v. H.K.F.C., away):—A. M. Silva, G. A. Pinna, E. A. H. Alves and P. Yvanovich (skip); F. P. Sequeira, P. Almeida, M. Mendonca and M. F. Pinna (skip); E. Alarcon, H. M. Xavier, A. A. Roza and H. R. Pinna (skip).

KOWLOON B.G.C.

First Division ("A" v. I.R.C., home):—W. L. Walker, G. W. Deacon, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip); L. Sykes, H. White, P. A. Peckham and A. J. Hall (skip); R. P. Phillips, E. Levett, J. McKelvie and R. Duncan (skip).

First Division ("B" v. K. Docke, home):—W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, H. F. Lockhart and G. H. Sherriff (skip); H. Bicknell, E. A. Atkins, H. E. Drew and J. G. Meyer (skip); G. Elphick, A. Bower, W. McNeill and L. Guy (skip).

Third Division (v. K.F.C., away):—J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. W. Scarle and H. Nish (skip); W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dinnen, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip); C. E. Langley, S. C. Walker, L. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (skip).

INDIAN R.C.

First Division (v. Bowling Green "A", away):—D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu (skip); A. K. Sufflad, M. B. Hassan, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (skip); J. Hoosen, A. K. Ismail, U. A. Rumjahn and A. R. Dallah (skip).

Third Division (v. Craigengower C.C., home):—B. el Arculli, K. Nazarin, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (skip); M. U. Razack, M. Hassan, M. A. Wahab and S. M. Rumjahn (skip); M. I. Razack, J. M. A. Rumjahn, K. M. Rumjahn and A. G. Sufflad (skip).

POLICE BOWLS

Following are the latest results in Police Recreation Club bowls tournaments:

Novices Handicap Singles:—Second Round Gough (ser.) beat Tillman (plus 4), Greenwood (ser.) beat Hayward (ser.), Davies (plus 3) beat Smith (ser.)

Club Singles:—Second Round:—Gough beat Dewar, Channing beat Dowman, Perkins beat Mair, Nolan beat Wilcox.

Pairs:—First Round:—Mair and Perkins beat Nolan and Harris; Soutar and Smith beat Davies and Greenwood, Riddell and Aitken beat Hodge and Pile, Ellis and Forrest beat Gough and Hayward; Channing and Dowman beat McLeod and Shepherd.

Second Round:—Carey and Post beat McWalter and MacDonald; Mair and Perkins beat Soutar and Smith; Ellis and Forrest beat Riddell and Aitken.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Mindanao	5	1	1.000
H.K. Brewers	4	1	.600
Chung Hwa	3	2	.600
Asheville	1	1	.500
Royal Engineers	2	4	.333
H.K. Baseballers	2	4	.333
South China	0	0	.000

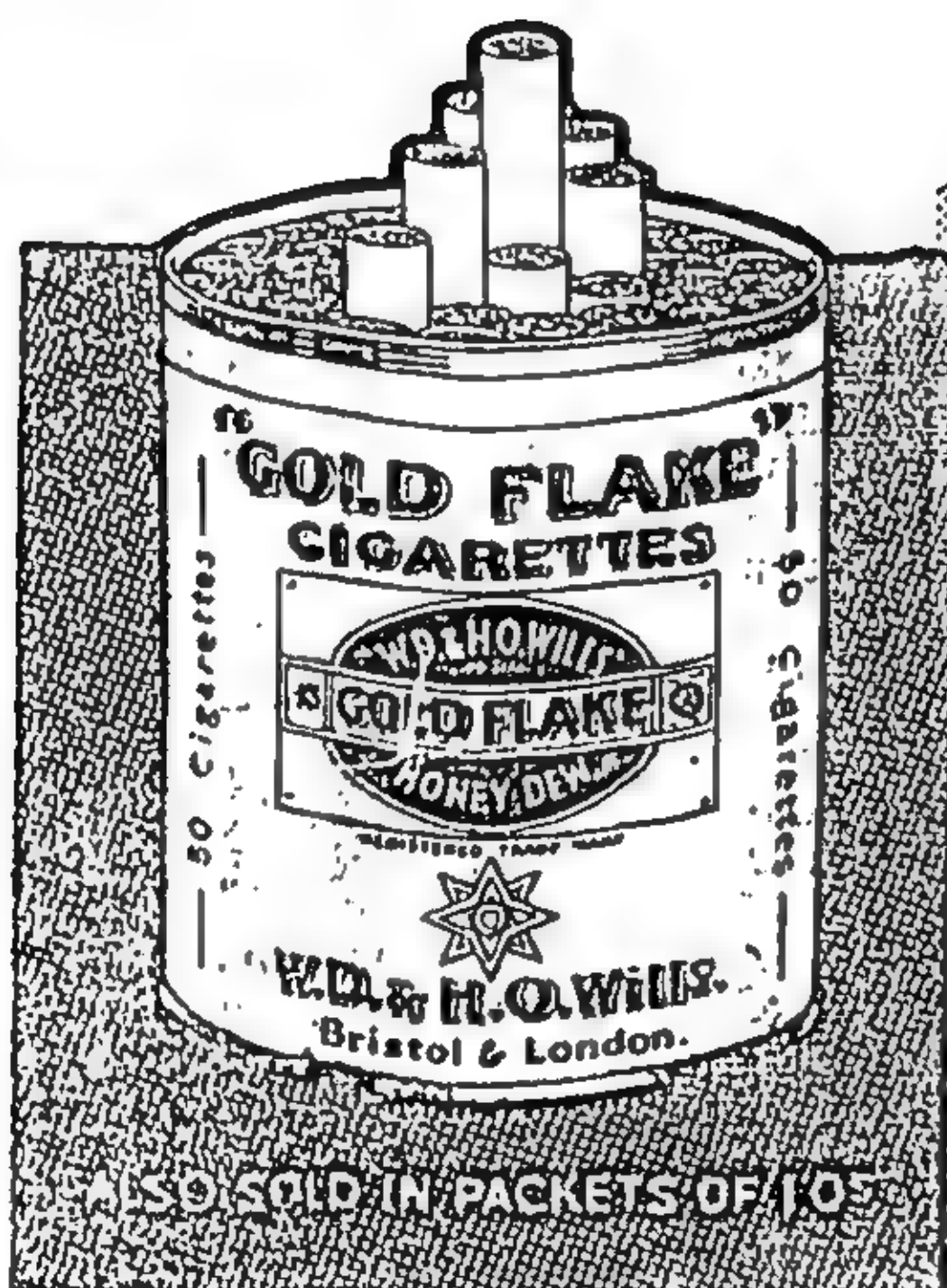
BASEBALLERS TAKE REVENGE ON SAPPERS

HOME RUNS BY RATCLIFFE, OF ENGINEERS, AND ELDER, OF BASEBALL CLUB, FEATURED THE LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME AT CHATHAM ROAD YESTERDAY, WHEN BASEBALLERS WON BY 17 RUNS TO 2.

In their first meeting Sappers scored a big win by 16 runs to 9. Schaberg pitched the whole distance for Baseballers, and limited the Sappers to three scattered hits. Baseballers scored six runs in the sixth inning, which included the home run by Elder with two men on bases.

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BRITISH PLANS IN ICELAND

THE QUESTION OF WHEN THE BRITISH TROOPS ARE GOING TO LEAVE ICELAND WAS RAISED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY A QUESTIONER WHO CITED THE STATEMENT BY THE ICELAND PREMIER THAT THE BRITISH TROOPS WOULD LEAVE WHEN THE AMERICANS ARRIVED.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, replied it was really a question of time.

The question was governed by President Roosevelt's statement to the Iceland Premier that he was prepared to send United States troops to supplement and eventually replace the British troops there.—Reuter.

CODREANU BROTHER SHOT DEAD

ZELON CODREANU, BROTHER OF THE CHIEF OF THE PROHIBITED RUMANIAN IRON GUARD, WAS SHOT DEAD IN BUCHAREST ON SUNDAY, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE PUBLISHED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY FROM THE RUMANIAN CAPITAL.

The official account says the affair occurred in a park where a quarrel broke out among a crowd. The policeman who shot Codreanu has been arrested.—Reuter.

Threat Of Invasion Remains

SPEAKING AT A LONDON LUNCHEON YESTERDAY, MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, SAID THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ANYTHING BUT GRIM DETERMINATION TO FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF A LONG WAR WITH THE GRIMMEST PART YET TO COME.

The threat of invasion remained. The call for a yet greater and more intense national effort remained as dominant and insistent as ever.

"It is on the Atlantic that our life depends and if we defeat the U-boat and long-range aircraft our strength will steadily become overwhelming.

"As to the defeat of the U-boat, I am not going to give you facts and figures, for which the enemy Intelligence Service would pay many thousands of pounds.

"I WILL, HOWEVER, TELL YOU THAT DURING A RECENT PERIOD I RECEIVED A SERIES OF REPORTS WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE ANY FIRST LORD.

"There is another thing I can also tell you. There is a room at the Admiralty containing a

number of highly sceptical—I almost said cynical—officers who refuse to accept any doubtful claims to destruction of U-boats.

Never A Doubt

"The gentleman who had the job of passing a camel through the eye of a needle was on an easy wicket compared with the captains of our little ships who hopefully report an attack upon a U-boat.

"When I am informed by the Staff that a U-boat has been accepted as destroyed, I know there is no shadow of doubt she is in Davy Jones' locker.

"I am certain there are many more which do not get back to Germany and Italy.

"Recent enemy shipping losses have been highly satisfactory. "The American move into Iceland was a most significant event."

American Press

Mr. Alexander added: "I am certain myself that by this action the United States will be able to fulfil her declared intention of protecting the western hemisphere much more efficiently."

The First Lord said he read the American press in cable form each morning because he regarded it with such importance.

One description of the occupation of Iceland, giving the meeting of Americans and British, said the British knew the Americans were soldiers after their own hearts and had been ordered to see that armaments should arrive safely, and the Americans knew they were meeting men who knew how to use that armament and were not going to stop until the world's enemy was beaten so completely that he would never again cause trouble.—Reuter.

CHINA AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

A proposal that Mr. Quo Tachai, Chinese Foreign Minister, should immediately take up negotiations with Britain, the United States and possibly Russia, to devise concrete plans for mutual assistance in the present war against the Axis powers and for the reconstruction of the world after the war, was made yesterday by the "Ta Kung Pao," influential Chungking daily, in a leading article.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The inhabitants of Syrian towns cheered and waved as a large force of R.A.F. bombers escorted by fighters carried out a goodwill mass flight yesterday over the principal towns in Syria.

The aircraft circled over Beirut where thousands thronged the principal streets and squares waving a frantic welcome.—Reuter.

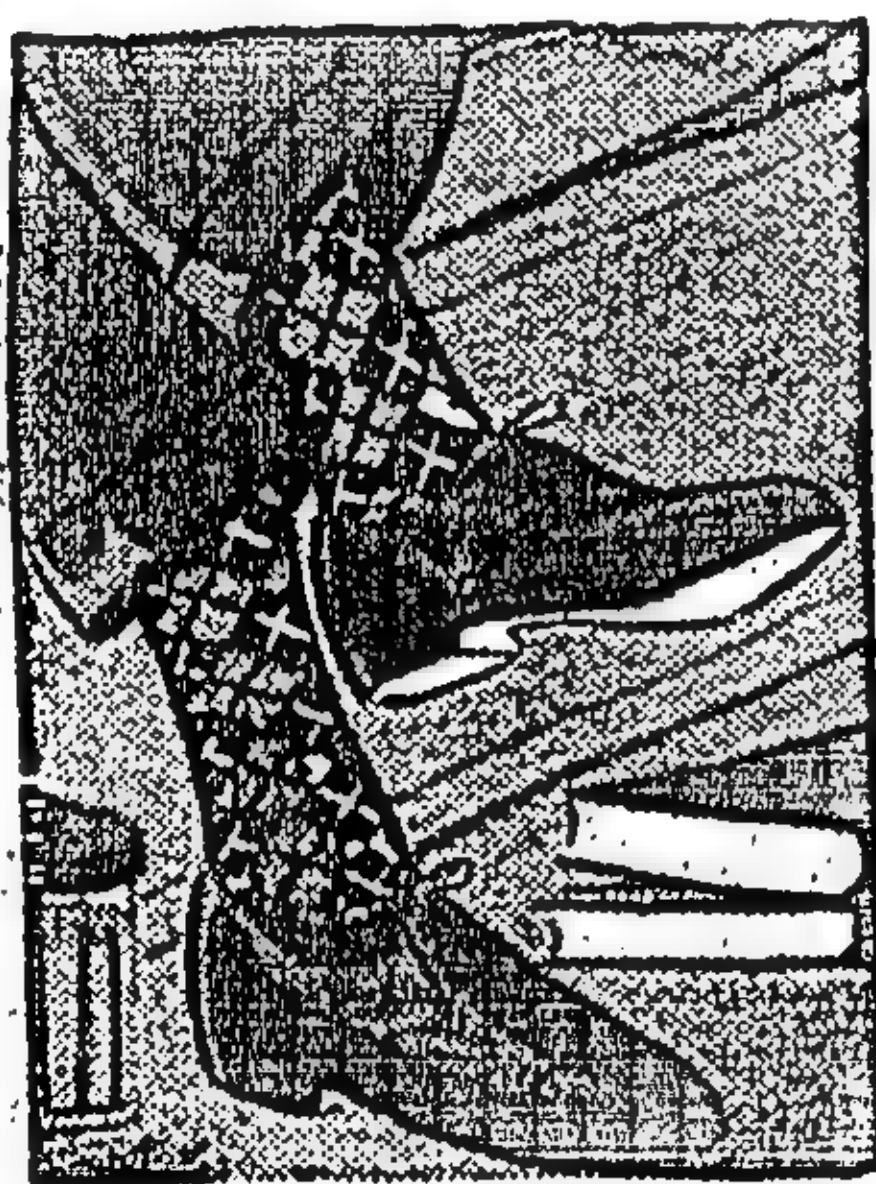
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NAZIS MAKING ADMISSIONS

(Continued from Page 1) preparing to depart. The report is attributed to the observations of Finn airmen. German panzers are reported to be moving along the western shores of Lake Peipus towards the north.

Berlin Radio last night stated: "Germany has no intention of concluding a separate peace with Russia. Mr. Churchill's worries are unfounded."

Stockholm Report

Another Stockholm despatch, received in London, reports that a general counter-offensive by the Soviet armies on all fronts is believed to be under preparation. This report alleges, it is not known on what authority, that Marshal Voroshilov has massed a million men in the Leningrad area, and "the Red Army is expected to strike along the front in a series of tremendous counter-attacks."—International News Service.

"Heavy Battles"

A Soviet communique says that heavy battles continued throughout yesterday in the directions of Pskov, Smolensk, Bobruisk and Novograd-Volinsk.

"During the day our air force destroyed motorised units, attacked enemy aircraft on aerodromes and operated against troop concentrations on river crossings, and bombed Ploesti and transport and oil tankers at Sulina, Tulcea and Saccova. "An enemy tank battalion retreating from Rogatchev was surrounded and destroyed."

Crucial Days

Regarding the Russo-German war, a military observer in London yesterday stated that the next few days would be crucial for the Russian bold strategy of defence in depth.

German Claim

The Germans claim to have captured Tallinn and Novgorod, says a message received by the Stockholm "Aftonbladet" from Helsinki quoting a Berlin report.

The message adds that Finnish reconnaissance planes on Sunday found Tallinn ablaze and ships busy evacuating troops.—Reuter.

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RED AIR RAID DOES THE JOB

The Russo-German war has greatly upset Germany's transport services in the Baltic and on the Danube.

An official of the Ministry of Economic Warfare said yesterday that the train ferry service between Sassnitz and the Swedish port of Trelleburg had been suspended.

Russian naval activity has made it probable that the Germans will try to transfer their Baltic transport to Hamburg and Bremen, and possibly to the Dutch port of Delfzijl.

The port of Constanza has been put out of action, upsetting traffic from Rumania through the Dardanelles, and the Germans are forced to ship goods from the Bulgarian port of Burgas and thence through the Dardanelles or else by rail to Salonika.

The closing to Germany of the trans-Siberian railway is one of the most important factors in this new phase of the war.—Reuter.

Nazi African Activity

German activity at French naval bases in Africa, insofar as is known, is confined to those on the north and north-west African coasts, said Lord Moyne replying to Lord Strabolgi, the Labour Peer, in the House of Lords yesterday.

It was concentrated in the delegation of the German Armistice Commission, whose activities, there was no doubt, were as widely extended as they could induce the French authorities to allow.

Government had no knowledge that there was a delegation of the Armistice Commission at Dakar and had no evidence that enemy submarines were using any French African base.—Reuter.

Germans Thrown Back Across Dnieper River

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE GERMAN AND RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE ON THE GREAT BATTLE RAGING FROM PSKOV TO BESSARABIA CONTINUE IN FLAT CONTRADICTION EACH OF THE OTHER, THE SIGNIFICANT ADMISSION IS MADE IN THE LATEST NAZI VERSION OF DEVELOPMENTS THAT THE RED ARMY HAS STAGED VIOLENT COUNTER-OFFENSIVES.

Until yesterday, the Boche had not varied his grandiose claims of triumph, with the whole of his gigantic operation proceeding smoothly and remorselessly "according to plan."

Last night's High Command communique, however, referred to a fierce three-day Russian counter-attack in the Ukraine, and admitted that Red Shock troops drove a wedge between Zhitomir and Berdivitch, 75 miles to the south-west of Kiev, while, inevitably, insisting that the counter-attacks had been smashed and the troops badly handled.

The Germans also admit a second offensive by "Red Army reserves" in the Dnieper-Dvina sector (which according to earlier claims was long ago overrun) and say that heavy losses were inflicted, without in this instance asserting that the counter-attack failed in its objective.

Simultaneously with these admissions that the Russians are hitting back, the Germans report "continuous progress along the entire Eastern front."

Moscow, on the other hand, in an official High Command communique, announces that the Red Army have scored important successes in a large-scale counter-offensive on the central sector, where the German armies have been thrown back across the River Dnieper, with the Russians following up the retreat in close contact.

Huge battles, says the Russian High Command, are still raging in all the principal areas.

Crushing Defeat

The powerful German effort to break through to Leningrad has met with a crushing defeat, with their advanced elements isolated and disintegrated.

Tanks pushing forward to Kiev in the Ukraine sector have been encircled.

The third prong of the German offensive—towards Moscow—has been stemmed. On the southern wing, the Germans have been thrown back, while in the Vitebsk area, on the road to Smolensk, a further attempt to advance was unsuccessful. Butovsk, the German objective in this drive, is still in Russian hands.

Estonia Fighting

Stockholm quotes Helsinki despatches as authority for the statement that Tallinn is aflame and that the Russian defenders are preparing to depart. The report is attributed to the observations of Finn airmen. German panzers are reported to be moving along the western shores of Lake Peipus towards the north.

Berlin Radio last night stated: "Germany has no intention of concluding a separate peace with Russia. Mr. Churchill's worries are unfounded."

Stockholm Report

Another Stockholm despatch, received in London, reports that a general counter-offensive by the Soviet armies on all fronts is believed to be under preparation. This report alleges it is not known on what authority, that Marshal Voroshilov has massed a million men in the Leningrad area, and "the Red Army is expected to strike along the front in a series of tremendous counter-attacks."—International News Service.

"Heavy Battles"

A Soviet communique says that heavy battles continued throughout yesterday in the directions of (Continued on Page 16)

STRONG RUSSIAN ATTACKS

It is admitted in Berlin that the Germans are meeting "extremely heavy Russian resistance and strong counter-attacks," writes the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung," the Swiss newspaper.

Meanwhile the latest Russian communique states: "When our troops approached an aerodrome, eight Fascist aeroplanes attempted to take off but owing to the bad state of the engines, the personnel of the aerodrome decided to surrender."

"On July 15 a Hungarian bomber landed in Soviet Bessarabia and surrendered. The crew declared they refused to fight for Fascist Germany."

"A BATTALION OF ENEMY TANKS RETIRING UNDER THE BLOWS OF OUR TROOPS FROM ROGATCHEV WAS SURROUNDED AND DESTROYED."

"The crews of the enemy tanks were so exhausted that many of the drivers could not get out without assistance."

"Medical examination of the personnel showed that the weakness of the prisoners was due to systematic malnutrition and physical overstrain."—Reuter.



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EXTREMISTS TAKING SADDLE

Japanese Cabinet Resignation

A LITTLE WIDE OF MARK

Members of the State Department have refused to comment on the Japanese Cabinet resignations pending further details.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, told his press conference he had received no official information yet.

It is generally believed in Washington that the conservative business group has forced out the army-controlled Government and, if so, this could be of extreme importance to America, according to officials. It is stated in Washington that President Roosevelt had hoped that this might sometime occur and had therefore avoided any serious break with Japan in recent weeks. —Reuter.

JAPANESE BUSINESS ATTITUDE

Japanese business circles are inclined to be more friendly to America and less anxious to cooperate with the Axis.

The firm policy of Britain and America in the Pacific is believed to have upset Japanese foreign policy in some degree, in the view of some observers in Washington yesterday.

The Anglo-Soviet Pact has also proved an embarrassment to Japan, causing some popular discontent which has possibly strengthened the hands of the business group. —Reuter.

CHINA AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

A proposal that Mr. Quo Tsi-chang, Chinese Foreign Minister, should immediately take up negotiations with Britain, the United States and possibly Russia, to devise concrete plans for mutual assistance in the present war against the Axis powers, and for the reconstruction of the world after the war, was made yesterday by the "Ta Kung Pao," influential Chungking daily, in a leading article. —Reuter.

BOMBER DOWNED

A few enemy aircraft operated off our coasts yesterday but none flew overland, states an Air Ministry of Home Security communiqué.

Up to 6 p.m. no reports were received of any bombs dropped. An enemy bomber was shot down yesterday morning off the south coast by our fighters. —Reuter.

SWEDISH MAILS DIVERTED

No mail destined for the British Empire can be sent from Sweden, according to a statement by the Swedish Post Office quoted by Stockholm radio yesterday.

This is due to the Russo-German war which has meant the diversion of Swedish outgoing mail via Germany. —Reuter.

All Indications Of End To Party Influences

THE JAPANESE CABINET HAS RESIGNED EN BLOC, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN TOKYO LAST EVENING, IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR A STRONGER GOVERNMENT TO COPE WITH THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

The present Cabinet will remain in office for the time being under Imperial orders.

The Emperor and Empress, who have been holidaying in the country, returned immediately to Tokyo yesterday, an indication that a very serious situation is confronting the country.

Announcement of the resignation of the Cabinet came after an extraordinary Cabinet meeting which took place at the official residence of the Premier, Prince Konoye, earlier in the evening.

It was reported that the Cabinet discussed an "important subject."

Following the Cabinet's resignation, authoritative Government circles in Tokyo stated there would be no change in the Government's basic policies, in either the domestic or the international field.

Official disclosure of the resignation was made suddenly and sensationally about 40 minutes after Prince Konoye had returned from Hayama Imperial villa, where the Premier was granted a 25-minute audience by the Emperor.

The resignation was decided on at the emergency Cabinet meeting held at the Premier's official residence at 5.30. After the meeting the Premier entrained directly for Hayama.

Konoye's Work

Prince Konoye returned to Tokyo at 9.40 p.m. and called another Cabinet meeting.

Outstanding events in Japan's history during the year-long tenure of Prince Konoye's Cabinet included:

First, the dissolution of all political parties in the movement for inauguration of a totalitarian national structure, which resulted in the creation of the "National Service Association."

Second, conclusion of the Tripartite Alliance, which bound together Japan with Germany and Italy.

Third, signature of the Sino-Japanese Treaty with the Nanking government headed by Wang Ching-wei, on November 30 last year.

Fourth, conclusion of the Neutrality Pact with the Soviet Union on April 13 while the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, was en route home after his State visits to Berlin and Rome.

Politicians Jettisoned

The new development wipes out the last vestiges of the political parties' influence in Japanese politics.

Mr. Fumitosuke Kuhara, former President of the Kihara faction of the Seiyukai Party, has resigned his post as member of the Cabinet Advisory Council, which he had held since December, 1939.

The Government formally accepted Mr. Kuhara's resignation, which was handed in at 3 p.m. to the Premier.

Not In Keeping

Mr. Kuhara said: "As an old guard member of a political party

my presence on the Cabinet Advisory Council is not in keeping with the new structure movement."

Mr. Kuhara said he was dissatisfied with the liquidated political parties still wielding influence.

He felt called upon to resign since he joined the Cabinet Council as president of the Kuhara faction.

He declared his conviction that Japan in the present emergency must follow a course neither patterned after American Democracy nor totalitarianism modelled upon the German pattern but a policy based on "total cooperation of the people."

He said that in order to realise this ideal it was necessary immediately to eliminate certain disunited political activities as at present there was no room left in Japan for individual political groups to attempt to assert their power. —Reuter.

BREAKING UP BROKEN HILL

A demand that Government should act immediately against monopolies and "assume control of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company in the interests of the nation," was made at a sitting of the Australian Advisory War Council yesterday.

The demand was made by Mr. Forde, Deputy Leader of the Australian Labour Party, on behalf of his fellow councillors, Mr. N. J. Makin, Mr. J. A. Beasley and Mr. Herbert Evatt.

"We have been disturbed by the apparent disintegration of this company to submit to speedy conciliation in minor disputes which may lead to major stoppages," Mr. Forde said.

Mr. Curtin, Australian Labour leader, concurred with Mr. Forde's statement.

The Broken Hill Proprietary Company is a well-known company. —Reuter.

U.S. AIR PATROLS IN AZORES AREA?

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, the isolationist leader, yesterday called on Col. Frank Knox, the Navy Secretary, to state whether United States warplanes were patrolling the Atlantic in the vicinity of the Azores.

Senator Wheeler said he was advised by passengers in trans-Atlantic ships that such activity was under way. —Reuter.

SHARP DIVISIONS BROUGHT END TO CABINET

(By O. M. Green, Reuter's Far Eastern expert and former Editor of the "North-China Daily News.")

IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SHARPLY DIVIDED AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IN VIEW OF THE GERMAN INVASION OF RUSSIA.

The extremist party led by Mr. Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, and General Tojo, Minister for War, are believed to have strongly urged that Japan should seize the opportunity for further expansion in Indo-China.

On the other hand the more moderate politicians led by Baron Hiranuma, Minister of Interior, who is known for his cautiousness and strength of mind and who was brought into the Cabinet by the Premier, Prince Konoye, last December, in order to support him against the extremists, are believed to have favoured a watching policy until events in Europe should be more clear.

This section of the Government is believed to have been strongly supported by Big Business in Japan which is becoming very

NANKING RESHUFFLE PREDICTED

Rumours are rife that there will be a drastic reshuffle of the personnel of the puppet Nanking government following the return of Wang Ching-wei from Japan, says a Shanghai dispatch.

The Japanese authorities are said to be insisting that Wan Keh-min, former "Chairman of the North China Political Affairs Commission," and Chen Chung-fu, former "Chairman" of the defunct "Reformed Government in Nanking," should join Nanking while a new "Minister of Finance" should be appointed to replace Chow Fu-hai.

They have suggested that Wang Ching-wei be "Chairman of the Nanking Government," Chen Kung-po be appointed "President of the Executive Yuan," Chow Fu-hai be transferred to "Mayor of Shanghai," Kiang Kang-hu, be appointed "Chairman of the Overseas Affairs Commission," and Wang Keh-min and Chen Chung-fu be made "Minister of Finance" and "President of Legislative Yuan."

Wang Ching-wei is trying to defer the reshuffle on the ground that such drastic changes may affect smooth working. —Central News.

Forced By Army

While the reasons for the resignation of the Japanese Government must be pure speculation at present, it seems probable that the diversion of opinion between the two factions was so acute that the extremists, led by the Army, forced a resignation in the hope of carrying their policy with a new government. —Reuter.

1,000 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON BREMEN

Grim Figures On Weight Of British Raids

OVER 2,000 TONS OF BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN THE RUHR AREA BETWEEN JUNE 16 AND JULY 10.

Further examples showing the weight of British night attacks, are the dropping of 1,000 tons of bombs on Cologne and over 500 tons on Bremen during the same period.

Photographs proving that Muenster, the German town recently bombed on successive nights, contained military objectives, have been brought back by R.A.F. reconnaissance planes. German propaganda described Muenster as a "Cathedral town with no industry except breweries."

Photographs showing the effect of the first night R.A.F. raid were shown to the press in London yesterday.

They prove that the bombing was entirely concentrated on the aerodrome and all the aerodrome buildings have been burnt out and an adjoining barracks very badly knocked about.

Accurate And Effective

The Dortmund-Ems Canal, surrounding part of the aerodrome and a big railway junction, also suffered.

"The photographs show clearly to an expert that there was practically no damage on the residential district," said an official of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

"On military targets the bombing was pretty accurate and effective."—Reuter.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHURCHILL

A tribute to the inspiring leadership of the British Premier and the foresight and resourcefulness of President Roosevelt, was paid by Sir Shanmu Khan Chetty, head of the Indian Purchasing Mission to America, speaking at a luncheon in Madras yesterday.

He said he would do all in his power to make the best use of the opportunity to help the war efforts in which two hemispheres were united to-day with the object of destroying the forces of evil abroad in the world. He expressed firm belief that ultimately virtue must triumph and evil be destroyed.

Referring to the Lease and Lend Act, he cleared misapprehensions that he was going to "lease out" to America anything belonging to India.

He asserted he would have nothing to lease on his part. It was for America to lease and lend and he was hoping he would succeed in invoking the aid of that Act and in getting materials for India.—Reuter.

S'HAJ STRIKE SETTLED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The labour situation in Shanghai has been slightly eased with the settlement of the two-week long China Electric Company dispute and the Ribbon Blue Dairy strike. Several other deadlocks are continuing.—International News Service.

BRITISH RAID AT TOBRUK

The raid made by British forces from Tobruk, which the enemy mistook for a major attempt to break out of the town, took place on July 12, it was disclosed in London yesterday.

The raid was carried out astride the road from Tobruk to El Gobi, about 38 miles south of Tobruk. The operation was the work of a patrol of 40 men and a tank-hunting platoon, who were supported by artillery and machine-gun fire from the British positions on the Tobruk perimeter. OBJECT OF THE RAID WAS TO CAUSE CASUALTIES TO THE ENEMY AND SECURE IDENTIFICATIONS.

The British inflicted over 50 casualties and brought back five prisoners, which gave the necessary identifications sought. No tanks were encountered. British casualties were 10 men wounded and three missing.

The enemy's description of this small operation was "a determined sortie to break out of Tobruk."—Reuter.

BRITISH CASUALTIES IN AIR RAIDS

It was officially announced in London yesterday that British civilian air raid casualties from January 1 last year to the end of June were approximately 41,900 killed and 52,600 injured and detained in hospitals.—Reuter.

LEAGUE STILL KICKING

A reminder that the League of Nations is still carrying on is given by Mr. Sean Lester, the Secretary-General, in the Report for 1941, issued in Geneva yesterday.

Mr. Lester states that both the personnel of the League and the budget were considerably reduced but the International Labour Office, of which part has been transferred to Canada, is still working in Geneva on a reduced scale.

The Secretariat of the League continues to furnish Governments with "useful information on hygiene, nutrition, housing, social assistance, protection of youth, help to refugees and the fight against the abuse of drugs."

Mr. Lester expressed the view that after the war responsible statesmen will have to restore the mechanism of international life in order to avoid a return to the tragedy of wars.—Reuter.

SUPPLY CONVOY BOMBED ON WAY TO LIBYA

WIDESPREAD ACTIVITY by the R.A.F. was reported in yesterday's Middle East communique which says that early yesterday morning Bomber Command aircraft successfully attacked a convoy of enemy shipping off the coast of Tripolitania.

Two heavy bombs struck an 8,000-ton vessel amidships and completely destroyed it, and another was damaged in the bows by a direct hit.

Enemy aircraft which attempted to drop bombs on British merchant vessel on the Libyan coast on Tuesday were engaged by R.A.F. fighters, and six Junkers 87's and one Messerschmitt 109 were shot down.

During the night of July 14/15 our heavy bombers attacked enemy-occupied aerodromes at Eleusis and Hassani (Greece) and Heraklion (Crete).

At Eleusis direct hits were made on hangars and runways and dispersal points, causing a number of large fires and explosions. Similar results were reported from the other objectives.

Messina Raid

During the same night R.A.F. heavy bombers carried out a highly successful attack on docks and other military objectives at Messina.

Several tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped and great fires were started at the ferry rail-head, engine sheds, a transformer plant building, warehouses, and four lines of trucks were set ablaze and the fires were visible 65 miles distant.

A number of enemy aircraft flew over the Suez Canal area on

Tuesday night, one came down in the Great Bitter Lake and another crashed south of Port Said.

From the above operations two of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

DEEPLY IMPRESSED

THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT IS WIDELY APPROVED BY TRIBESMEN ALONG THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER OF INDIA.

Although they have no sympathy for Bolshevik doctrines and principles they realise that in this war anyone who kills the Nazis is a true friend of the British.

The heavy German losses and reassuring news from other fronts have deeply impressed tribesmen and confidence in the final defeat of Hitlerism and Fascism has been further strengthened.

Tribal chiefs received with satisfaction news of the Syrian armistice and are glad that the task undertaken by the British of thwarting Nazi designs in Syria and, through Syria, on other Muslim countries, has been accomplished.—Reuter.

MALAYA'S WAR TAX YIELD: M.P. QUESTIONS

ESTIMATED TOTAL YIELD from war tax in the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States for the current year, respectively, is \$10,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. G. Hall, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Colonies, answering a question.

Mr. Hall added the yield from war taxation on rubber exports in 1941 was estimated to be, respectively, Straits Settlements \$519,000, and F.M.S. \$3,000,000.

Since those estimates were made, however, the rates of duty had been doubled in both territories.

A question was asked on the approximate number of Malayan residents earning incomes respectively, of between £576 and £720, £720 and £3,400, and over £3,400.

Mr. Hall replied no information at present was available.—Reuter.

NOTHING TO REPORT

Yesterday's Middle East communique said there is no change in the situation on all fronts, says Reuter from Cairo.

FAR EAST AFFECTS STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange ruled, quietly steady, yesterday apart from South African and West African gold minings, as well as tin and rubber shares which tended higher in response to a fair enquiry. Gilt-edged and oils were about unchanged and Industrials were quiet, apart from some demand for aircrafts and motors. Chinese and Japanese bonds were easier and Hong Kong Bank shares tended lower on the Japanese uncertainties, but several European loans were marked up about a point. Wall Street was quietly firm.—Reuter.



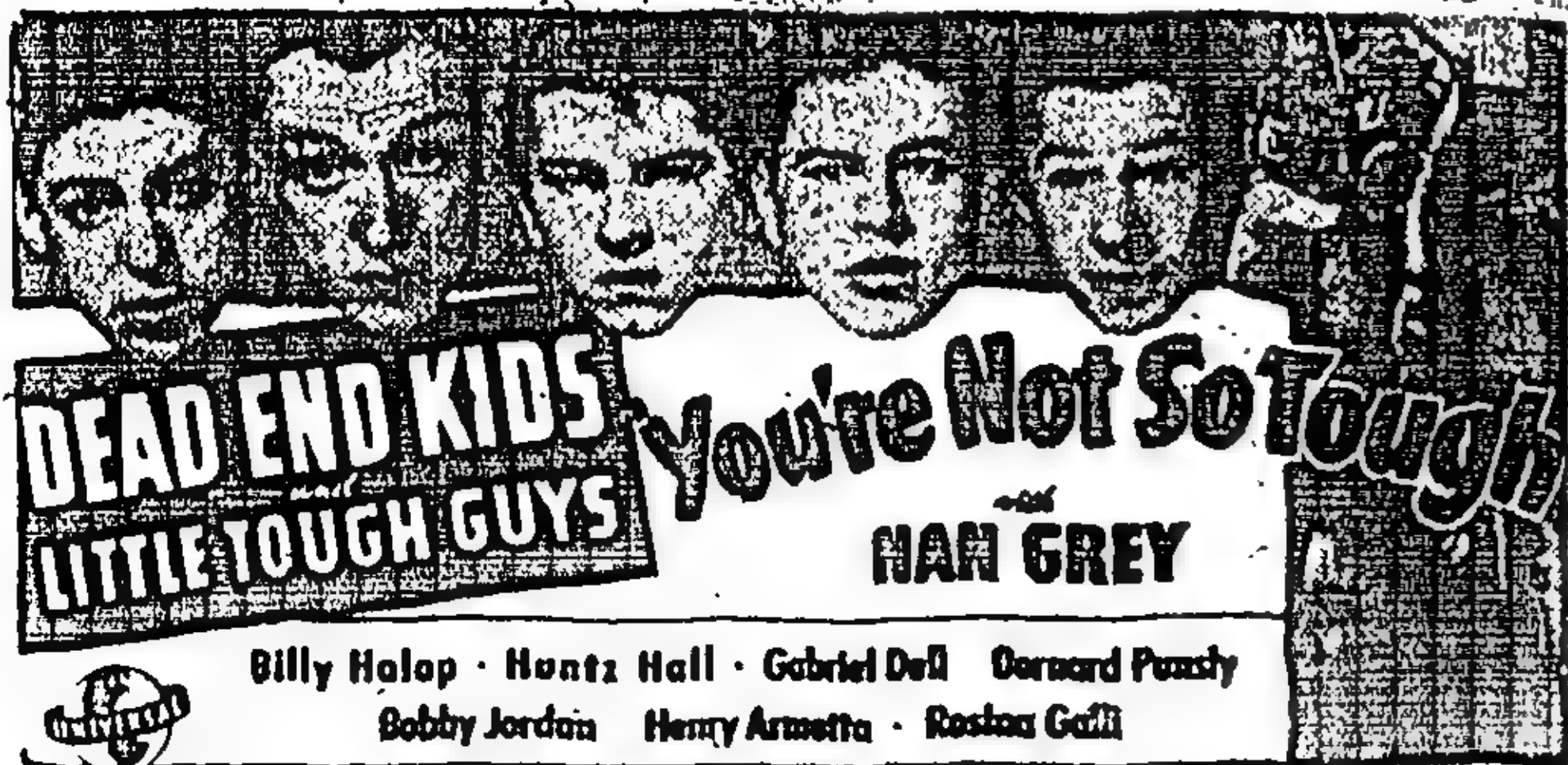
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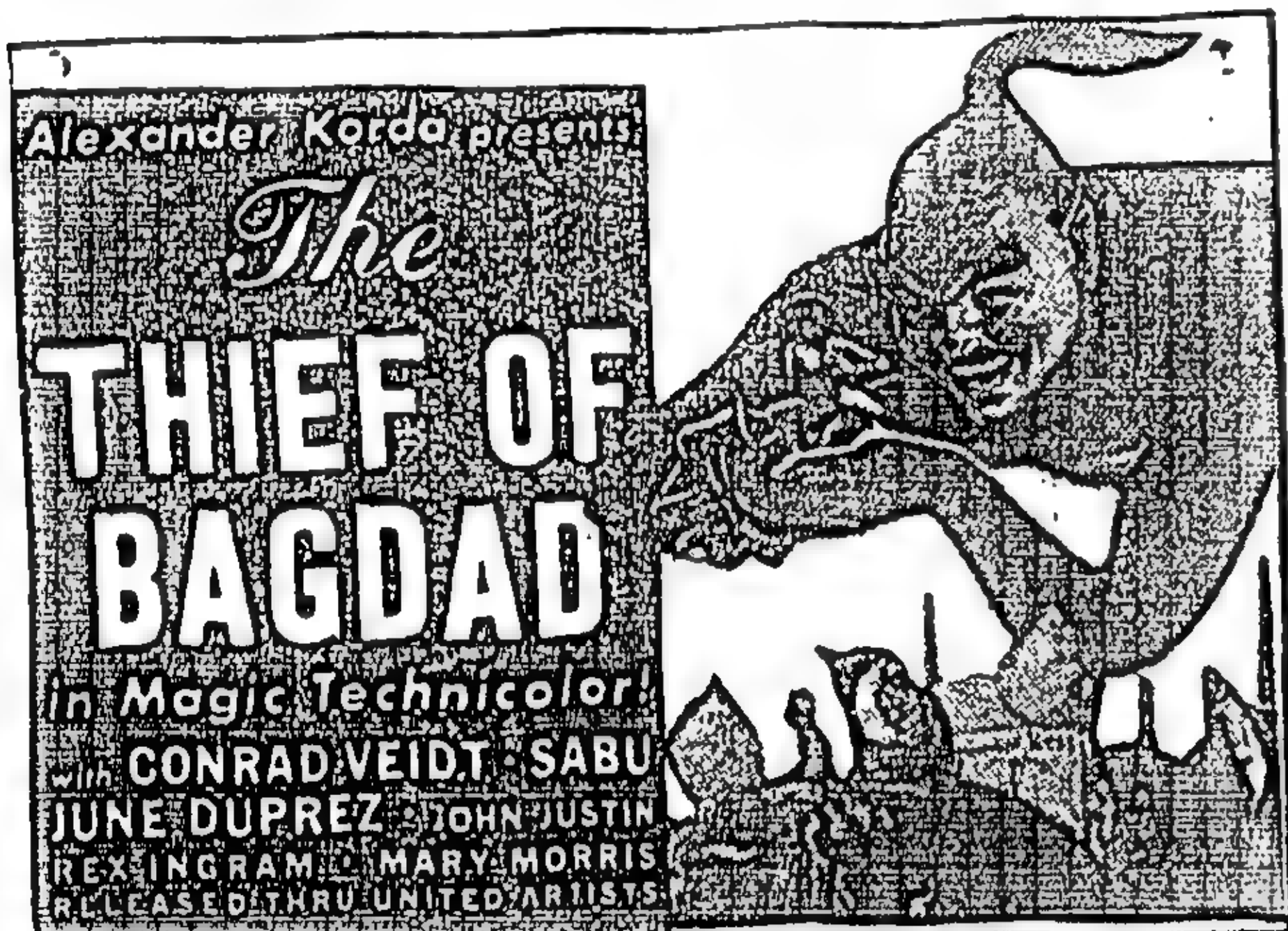
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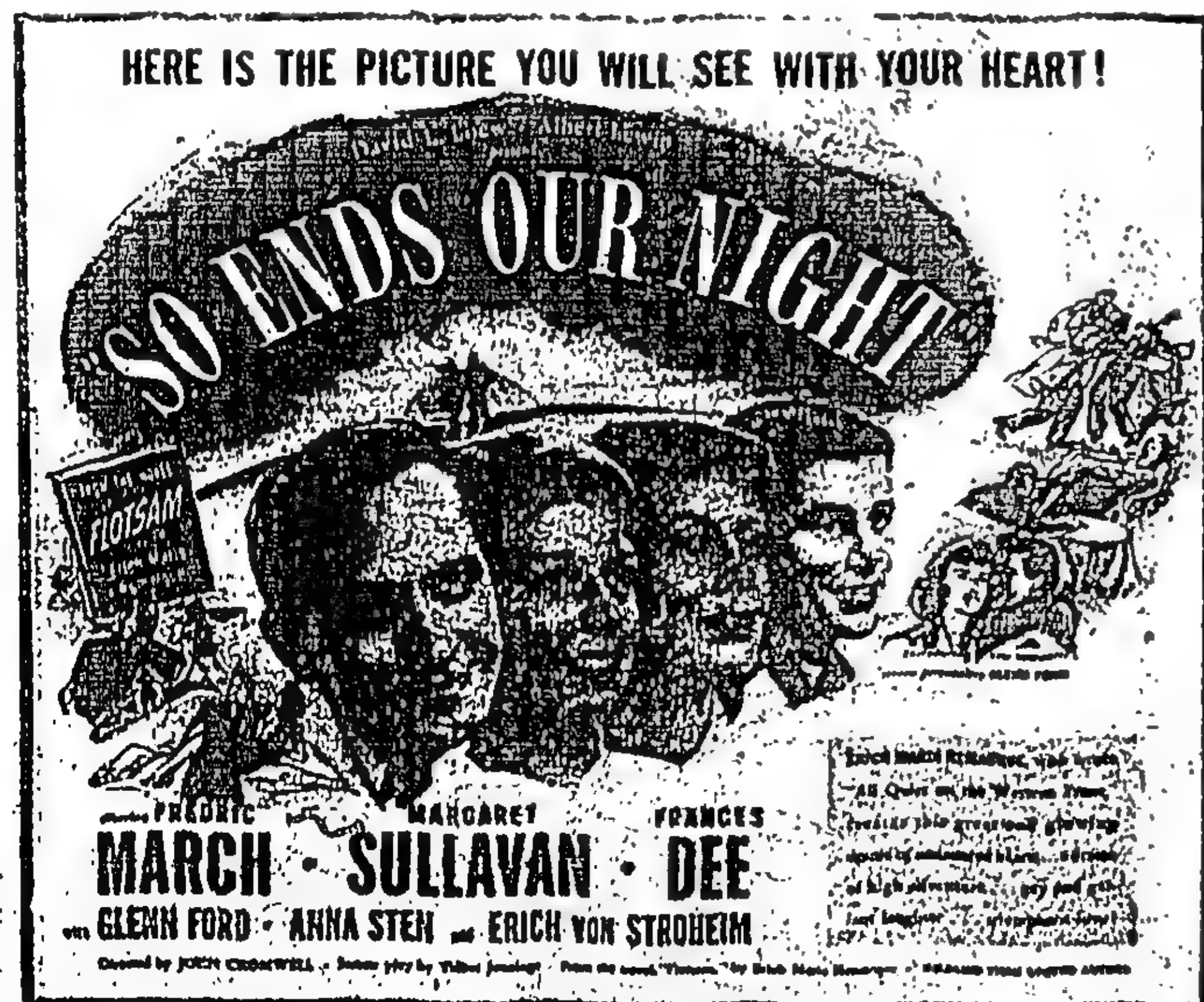


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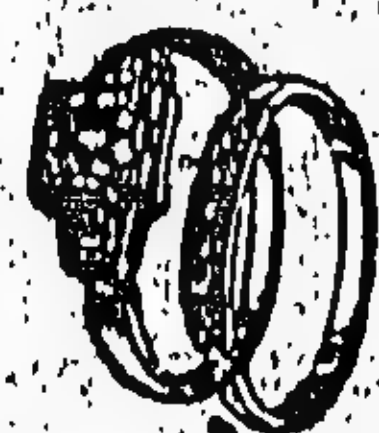
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IMPERIAL FORCES GIVEN ASTOUNDING RECEPTION

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Forces in Syria)

An astounding reception was given by the Syrian and French populace to the Imperial forces as they entered Beirut. Arabs and Syrians gathered at the roadside and on housetops and there was an air of gaiety about the capital.

There was much cheering, clapping and scenes of terrific enthusiasm as the convoy of advance troops entered the suburbs.

It was fitting that marching at the head of the parade was a battalion of Australians commanded by the colonel who initiated the first attack on the Litani River.

With an improvised band they marched to the centre of the city playing "Waltzing Matilda" and other popular airs.

When the cavalcade of Bren gun carriers, trucks and infantry circled the Place des Minons, the crowd rushed into the roadway and lifted Australians shoulder high, while others seized instruments and struck up dance music.

Touching Ceremony

To-day at noon there will be the official entry, led by General Wilson, General Catroux and Gen. Lammont, when units of Imperial infantry, cavalry and armoured fighting vehicles will join in the parade.

Meanwhile General Dentz left with his forces for Tripoli after a touching ceremony on Monday when the General bade farewell to the forces.

OBSERVERS STATE GENERAL DENTZ WAS FILLED WITH EMOTION AND TEARS WERE STREAMING DOWN HIS FACE.

The innermost secrets of the Syrian tragedy will only be revealed by the passage of time.

While the Vichy troops have been fighting bitterly against the Imperial troops, inside the country they are treating prisoners and internees with the greatest consideration.

Internee's Story

Reuter's Tripoli correspondent, who remained in Syria after the last British had left and was interned by the Vichyites at Kesrouan, high in the Lebanon cedars, said:

"We were treated marvellously and were even allowed to listen nightly to the B.B.C. for the latest bulletins."

There is no shadow of doubt that Syrians and French alike are delighted Britain has taken the initiative and marched in, thus freeing the country from the threatening influence of Axis infiltration.

Last night there was curfew at 10 o'clock with a proclamation posted all over the city warning the populace that any act contrary to the safety of the Imperial forces, proven after military trial, would be punishable by sentence of death.—Reuter.

Syrians Cheer R.A.F.

The inhabitants of Syrian towns cheered and waved as a large force of R.A.F. bombers escorted by fighters carried out a goodwill mass flight yesterday over the principal towns in Syria.

The aircraft circled over Beirut where thousands thronged the principal streets and squares waving a frantic welcome.—Reuter.

CONVOY BOMBED

A successful attack was made on an enemy convoy off the coast of Tripoli by R.A.F. planes. Two bombs landed amidships on an 8,000-ton ship and sank it.—Reuter.

CLOSING UP BLACK CHAPTER

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, declared yesterday he hoped Hitler's attack on Russia might lead to the closing up of the "black chapter of ostracism and misunderstanding which has gone on since the last war."

Mr. Bevin, who was speaking at the opening of the "more women for war work" campaign in London, said: "The Russo-German war might well bring orientation." He continued: "Russia, with the British Commonwealth, might be a great contributing factor to a 100 years of peace in the world if only we handle the situation right, with imagination and tolerance."

"Equally, on their side, the Russians will learn, as they are learning now, that whatever they said about us, when the hour of trial came we did not hesitate."

"We did not hold against them propaganda or anything that had occurred in the past."—Reuter.

CHINESE ENVOYS RETURNING

Mr. Chien Tai, Chinese Ambassador to Belgium, arrived yesterday in Lisbon where he is expecting to meet Mr. Chen Chieh, former Ambassador to Berlin. From Lisbon they will together taken a plane to America en route to China.—Central News.

EQUIVALENT OF A PEACE TREATY

The Convention signed in Syria is in fact the equivalent of a peace treaty—the signing of peace.

This was pointed out in military circles in London in explanation of the use of the term "Convention."

An armistice, it is pointed out, is a temporary cessation of hostilities until such time as an agreement is reached on more lasting lines.

Use of the term Convention means that hostilities have finally ceased between the Vichy French and the British.—British Wireless.

BRITISH PLANS IN ICELAND

THE QUESTION OF WHEN THE BRITISH TROOPS ARE GOING TO LEAVE ICELAND WAS RAISED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY A QUESTIONER WHO CITED THE STATEMENT BY THE ICELAND PREMIER THAT THE BRITISH TROOPS WOULD LEAVE WHEN THE AMERICANS ARRIVED.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, replied it was really a question of time.

The question was governed by President Roosevelt's statement to the Iceland Premier that he was prepared to send United States troops to supplement and eventually replace the British troops there.—Reuter.

U.S. OFFICIALS IN LONDON

A party of American officials will arrive in London shortly. They have been sent to England by Mayor LaGuardia, U.S. Director of Civilian Defence, as a board of municipal officials to observe British civilian defence work.—British Wireless.

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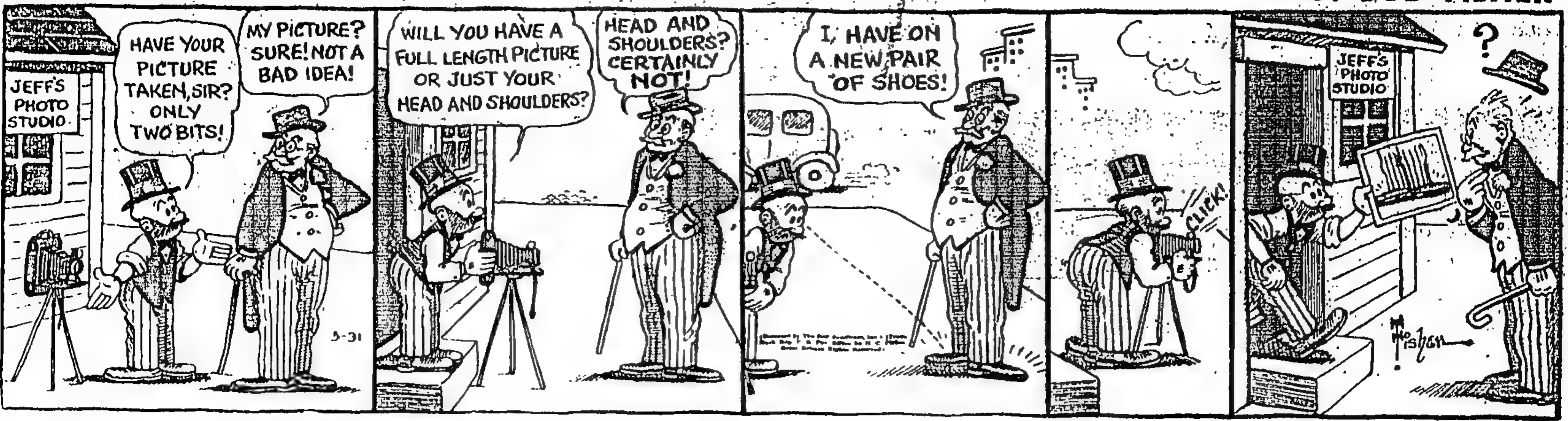
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AUSTRALIA REQUISITIONS SHIPS

The Australian Government has requisitioned 63 ships in the inter-state trade, the Commerce Minister, Sir Earle Page, announced yesterday. The ships will be operated by the Shipping Control Board.—Reuter.

RECEPTION FOR MR. OWEN LATTIMORE

Mr. Owen Lattimore, personal political adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who arrived in Hong Kong on Tuesday, will be the guest of honour at a reception by members of the Institute of Pacific Relations at the Peninsula Hotel this afternoon.

Mr. Lattimore has had a busy round of social functions since his arrival. He was the guest of H. E. Governor at luncheon yesterday.

B.B.C. SUNDAY ANTHEM BROADCAST TO CEASE

THE SUNDAY EVENING broadcast by the B.B.C. of the national anthems of Britain and the Allied countries is to be discontinued, announced the Minister of Information, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, answering a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Duff-Cooper said: "The increase in the number of national anthems renders it impossible to do justice to the whole of them in the time allotted.

"I have suggested to the B.B.C. that in future the period previously taken up by national anthems should be devoted to the national music of nations whose people are now fighting with us.

"A different nation will be selected each week, and perhaps in some cases it may prove possible to combine two or three."

Mr. F. Shinwell (Lab) asked if the Minister had suddenly become embarrassed by the suggestion that another national anthem (the Internationale) should be played on Sunday evenings.

No Sudden Decision

Mr. Duff-Cooper replied that no sudden decision had been taken in the matter.

Answering another Labour member, the Rev. R. W. Sorensen, Mr. Duff-Cooper said the period would certainly include a national song for Russia.

Following Mr. Duff-Cooper's statement in the House, the B.B.C. later announced that the national anthem period next Sunday evening will be devoted to French national airs.

The following Sunday the period will be devoted to Russian airs.—Reuter.

RETURNING HOME

CHINESE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STAFFS ARE RETURNING HOME IMMEDIATELY FROM THE AXIS COUNTRIES ON ORDERS OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

The withdrawal follows announcements of the recognition by Germany, Italy and Rumania of the Japanese-sponsored government at Nanking.

Thirty-four Chinese envoys are expected in Lisbon in a few days from Berlin, while 18 more are expected from Rome.—Reuter.

AXIS DIPLOMATS IN ANKARA

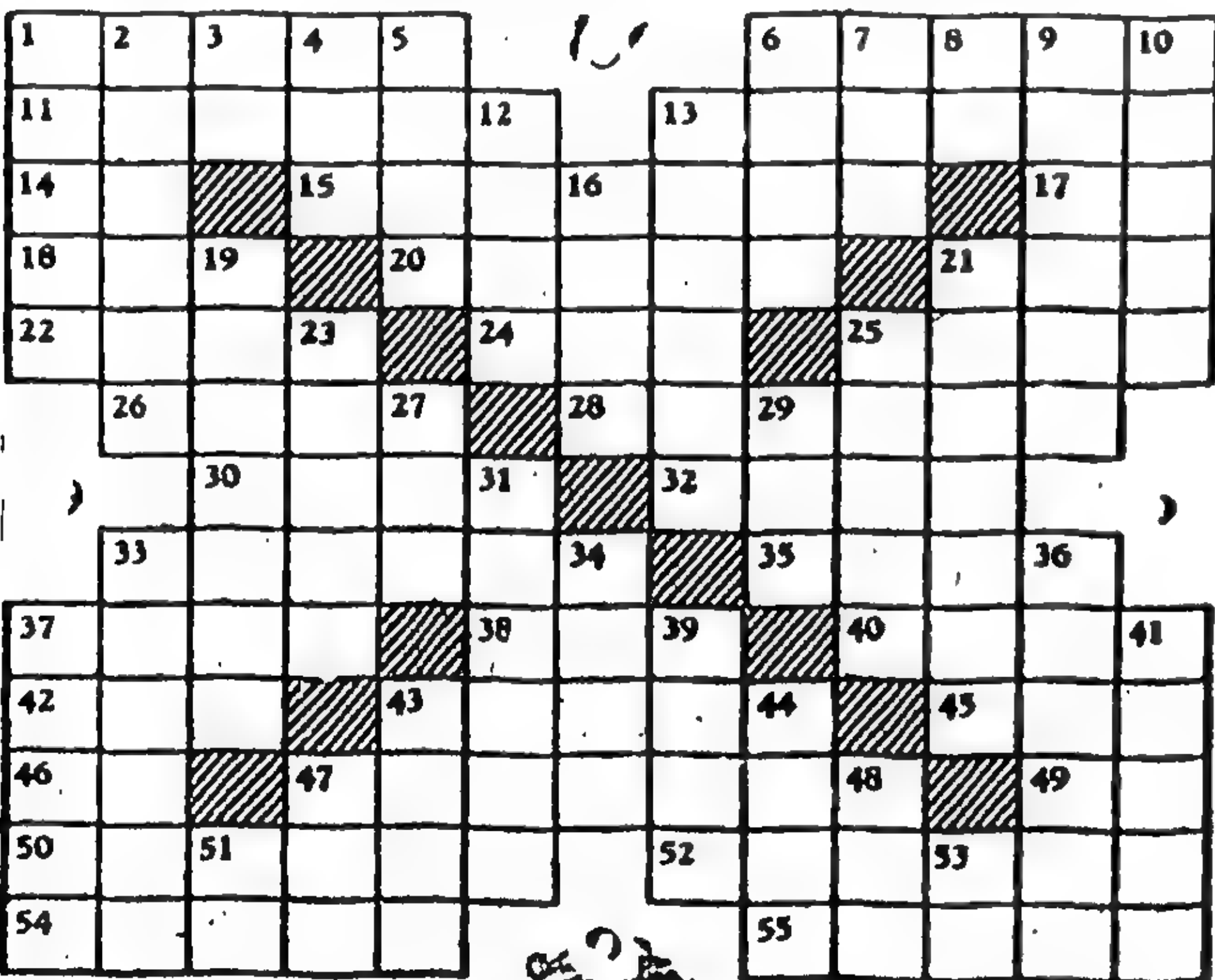
Ambassadors, Ministers and other diplomatic representatives of Germany, Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia in Moscow arrived in Ankara by train yesterday afternoon, according to Ankara radio quoted by Reuter.

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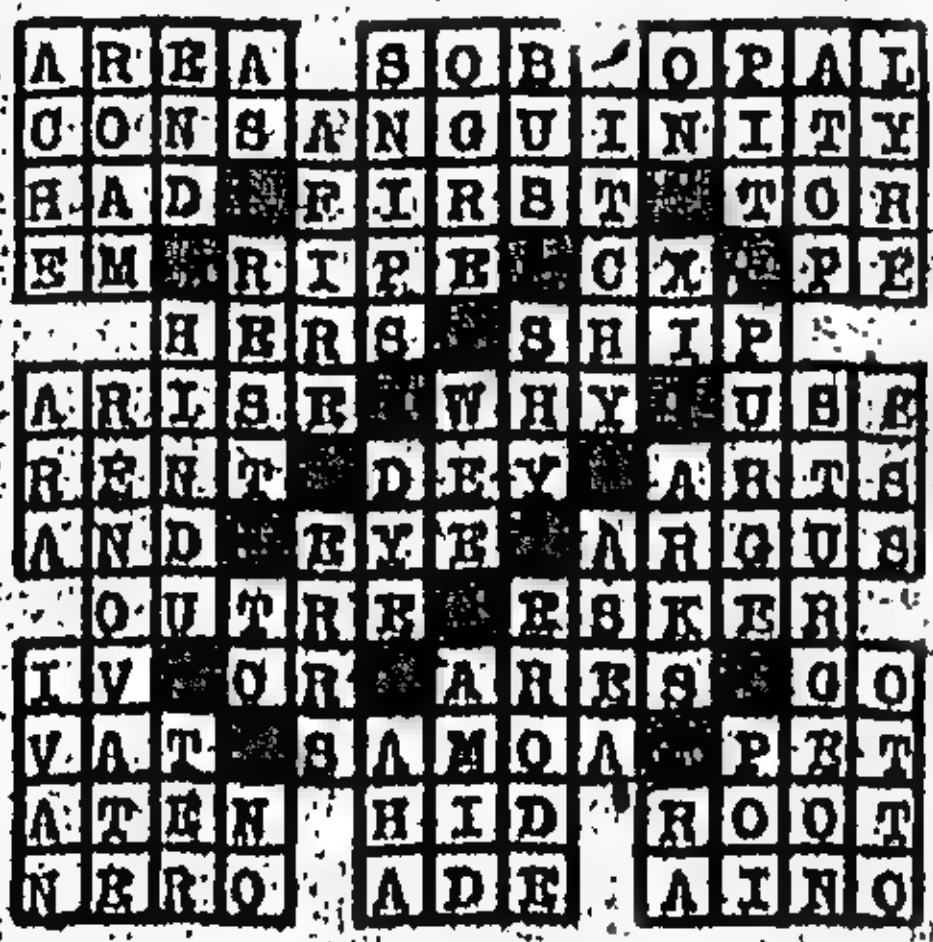
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- 52 To force onward
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- 1 Apart
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- 3 Siberian river
- 4 Poem
- 5 To rotate
- 6 God of love
- 7 To indite
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- 10 Gaudy
- 12 Pertaining to the dawn
- 13 Aslant
- 16 Hill in Jerusalem
- 19 Complete equipment of a warrior
- 21 Emblem of Neptune
- 23 Wanderer
- 25 Pares
- 27 To marry
- 28 Law, things
- 31 Approached
- 33 Bugle call
- 34 To appear
- 36 Window in a gable
- 37 Filaments growing from the skin
- 39 To cut
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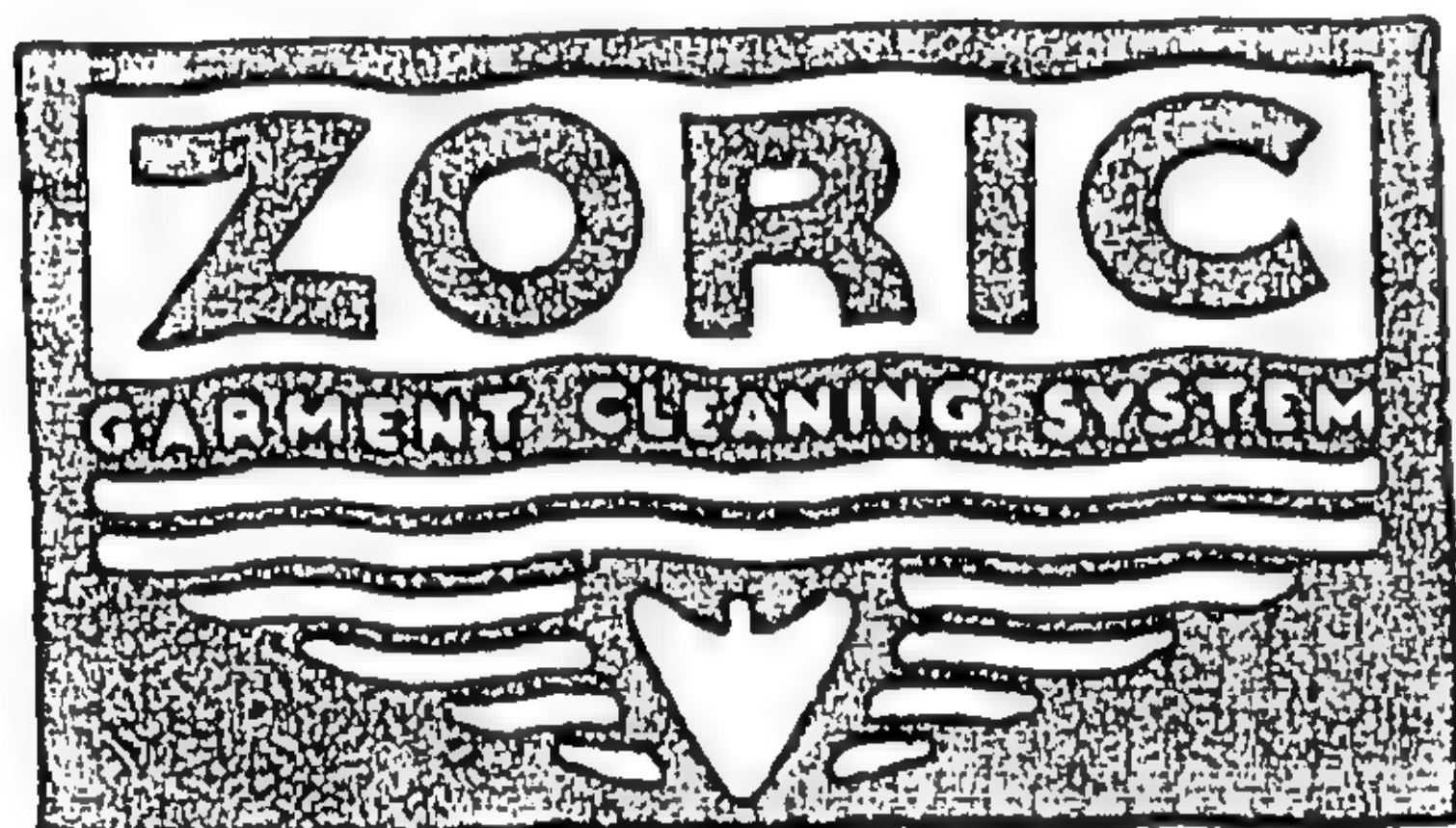


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BRITAIN REDISCOVERING THE LAND

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BRITAIN IS ONCE more producing her own foodstuffs, rediscovering the vegetable riches of her soil, ignoring the false economics of glut or dearth, arranging to bring the food to the people, to teach them how best to utilise it.

The British people are beginning with vegetables; other foods will follow. Government will control imports, markets and prices will be assured, the farmer will be happier, the nation better fed. This article by Reuben Hogg in the "News Chronicle," tells you how it is being done . . .

In one respect at least the war has fundamentally changed our point of view. We have learnt once more to regard our food not as a counter in the game of profit-making, but as a gift from God and the fertile earth. It is being brought home to us so forcibly and so many times a day that at last we may dare to hope that the war has marked the end of an epoch, a rather ersatz epoch, in which the only way we could think of to encourage food production was to restrict its production and make people go without it.

When we come to look back we shall perhaps find that the turning-point was an announcement by Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, that almost went unnoticed. He recently made it known that a public utility company was to be set up, to be known as the National Vegetable Marketing Company, that will aim at getting the maximum amount of onions and carrots produced and distributed.

So the humble onion and the blushing carrot will be the spearheads of a new order in food production. Other vegetables, as Lord Woolton hinted, will undoubtedly follow. Other foods will assuredly follow vegetables. The chairman of the company is a member of Parliament, Mr. Leslie Pym. The managing-director is Mr. Edgar Monro, the best known trader in Covent Garden.

How It Will Work

It will work in this way. The Government will control all imports, such as they are, through the Ministry of Food, that is the sole buyer. So it will be comparatively easy to canalise the distribution of imports. But also the Government will be the sole buyer of carrots and onions, and at a fixed price. So farmers need no longer fear a price collapse and financial disaster if they try too successfully to feed the nation.

This is a big advance on the old policy of direct subsidies to growers. The nation pays a fair price to get the food; the producer knows exactly where he is, with markets and prices assured.

Nor will it be flung at him that he is "on the dole" on account of a subsidy that amounts to x million pounds a year.

Thus will the producer benefit. But the gain to the consumer and to national health is likely to be far greater than any advantage accruing to producers. For this new organisation throws on the Government the onus of getting an increased supply of vegetables consumed.

Discreetly Vague

Lord Woolton has been discreetly vague on the distributive side of his idea. He has merely said that the company will act through the ordinary distributive channels with the trade as their agents.

But it is quite evident that the Government will not be able to afford to have a large surplus of unconsumed vegetables on their hands. They will have "to take steps," and among those steps would undoubtedly be educational publicity.

This would explain to people the value of vegetables, the need to eat them and economical attractive and easy ways of cooking them.

Already the Ministry of Food has done a certain amount to found a tradition of good house-keeping in this country. With its

homely talks about the work in the kitchen it has begun to get into quite a number of people's minds that one might as well cook decently as badly, that the arts of the kitchen are not synonymous with greediness or even faintly shame-worthy, like speaking French with a French accent, but are a mark of intelligence and civilisation and play an important part in the health and well-being of the family.

The Ministry's "kitchen front" is a direct attack upon the artificial world into which we had drifted before the war. Tin was its symbol. We were eating more and more from tins, we listened to tinned music and to the tinned voices of film actors, we even drove about the country enclosed in tin and glass looking for something which we never seemed able to find.

But this new venture will involve more than education for better cooking. We are lamentably small consumers of vegetables, although we can probably produce the best in the world.

Even in village gardens, where people understand the soil and plants and space is no difficulty, it is common to find only potatoes and perhaps a few runner beans grown. Our average weekly expenditure on vegetables is only 4½d. per head per week, and one-third of our population spend less than 3d.

Yet, with the exception of milk, there is probably no other article of food that could contribute so much to national health, especially if a variety of vegetables are eaten.

Remained Dumb

The fact is that the trade, including both growers and distributors, have never tried to sell vegetables to the public. They have remained dumb about the virtues of their product, and, if gluts occur, have merely sat down and complained about the poor prices, without making the least attempt to stimulate consumption, either temporarily or permanently, in spite of the fact that in normal times there is scope for an increased production by at least 35 per cent., and more probably 50 per cent.

The growers have concentrated their complaints on the insignificant imports of "other vegetables" that arrive mainly when prices are high and are made up chiefly of out-of-season crops. In peacetime they represent only about 6 per cent. of the total national supply.

So far, as wholesalers are concerned, there is evidence that some of them do not want to see any rationalised form of vegetable distribution that would flatten out the high prices that are obtainable at certain times or in certain places, because they, being the clever ones, are adept at making the most of this chaotic situation.

A Ministry of Food, that, surely, must become a permanent part of the national structure, is the suitable and powerful instrument for straightening out such tortuous byways of our ill-organised and extravagant distributive system.

It is the obvious body to control what food imports we shall be able to afford after the war and to buy them and get them distributed economically. At home it could not only fix a price that will get the required food grown, but also fix a price and take the necessary steps to get a bumper crop consumed.

An enlightened Food Ministry should be a potent means to bet-

GERMAN TAXATION FAVOURS THE RICH

Figures showing how Hitler's New Order favours great wealth were given recently by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

A German millionaire with an income equivalent to £100,000 a year, he said, would be left with £35,000 for his personal use. A British subject would pay over 94 per cent. in taxes, leaving him with less than £6,000.

Yet Nazi propagandists suggested Britain was run simply in the interests of the rich.

PEERS CRITICISE M.O.I.

The Ministry of Information was criticised during a debate in the House of Lords yesterday, when some Peers urged that all propaganda be in the charge of one Minister with a seat in the War Cabinet.

Lord Davies declared the time had come for a vigorous offensive along the whole diplomatic front. Britain should stimulate unrest and disappointment among the 77 million Germans who were not officially members of the Nazi Party.

The Secretary for Colonies, Lord Moyne, replying, reiterated Government's policy to release as much news as was consistent with safety.

Experience had shown that telling everything would sacrifice thousands of lives and impede the war effort.

It was better to face complaints than to risk human lives. New arrangements, aimed at eliminating unnecessary delays, would be introduced.—Reuter.

JAPANESE APPROACH

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DISCLOSED YESTERDAY IT HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING REPORTED DELAYS IN CLEARING JAPANESE SHIPS FROM EASTERN SEABOARD PORTS AND THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL.

Embassy officials stated the representations did not constitute a protest but sought the State Department's efforts to expedite sailings.—Reuter.

NEW AUSTRALIAN MINISTER

Sir Harold Eggleston, nominated Australian Minister to China, is expected to arrive in the Far East at the beginning of August.

for health and better living of the earth's country becoming an unmitigated disaster for the undernourished citizens of this island.

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MARSHAL PETAIN

We are publishing this week a series of articles on Marshal Petain by Henry Bernstein. The original picture of the marshal spread by his supporters was that of the old "hero of Verdun," convinced that further resistance would be catastrophic, fearful that Britain was about to fall, stepping into the awful chaos of defeat to save what was possible, hold the fragments together and with skill and firmness restore the spirit of the French nation.

M. Bernstein's picture is a very different one. It is that of a man who was in fact no "hero of Verdun"; whose defeatism was apparent as long ago as 1918; who did nothing, despite his high military position, to maintain and prepare the French Army through the post-war years; who was deeply involved with the domestic enemies of the French democracy and passive, if not friendly, toward the external menace of German Nazism; a man, with a large share of responsibility for the national weakness he now blames on others, who in the final days slipped, with his defeatism, into high place and there used his influence to complete the paralysis and hand over France to slavery in order to earn power and position for himself from the German master.

It is a powerful indictment. Much of it is documented. Much of it is corroborated from other sources. There is, for example, the article in "Foreign Affairs" by Pierre Cot, the man whom Vichy has tried to blacken as the incompetent radical responsible for French air weakness, revealing for the first time the two plans for large-scale expansion of the air force which his ministry prepared in 1937 but which were unanimously rejected by the high military committee, including Petain, Gamelin and Darlan. And much of the indictment has been corroborated by events — by the earnestness with which Vichy set itself from the beginning to root out every centre of resistance, to confuse and destroy every true French hope and to punish every sympathy with Gen. de Gaulle or Britain, by "collaboration" in all its multiple forms, by the events in Tunis and in Syria.

No such indictment, of course, can stand as the final word on anything so

This is the fifth of a series of articles by the distinguished French dramatist, Henry Bernstein, exiled by the Vichy government.

France was destroyed because her spirit was destroyed. Without injustice, I can say that Marshal Petain was the symbol of what we call defeatism. A man of vast ambitions, yet the apostle of inaction, a French marshal without faith in France, he taught Frenchmen to lose faith in themselves and in their cause.

Although his popularity in the country at large was limited, he was the idol of the anti-Republican officers and soldiers. Little by little they were won over to the marshal's idea that "The Republic was a rotten regime for which there was no sense in risking their lives."

Pétainism is one of the names for the malady which beset France. Petain represented safety to those who did not want to fight; he represented peace, order, the end of the struggle with

complex as a human personality, and if it were solely a matter of Petain the man one might hesitate to present it despite the corroboration. But the matter is not personal. Vichy has been a consistent wellspring of bafflement, confusion and uncertainty in the whole problem of democratic defence. Misunderstanding of its motives has given rise to all sorts of democratic mistakes, from the Dakar fiasco to the idea that Vichy might still be used as a centre of democratic resistance on the Continent.

It is important to present this evidence tending to show that the British people in coming, as they have done, to the conclusion that Petain and his government are little more than a Nazi Trojan horse, as unrepresentative of France as Herr Abetz or "the traitor of Strasbourg," are tragically close to the truth.

Germany to a class of people with anti-Republican sympathies. But while Petain, uncommunicative and mysterious, waited in the background, content to let his name be used for strange purposes, Laval was busy.

In 1936, shortly before the Popular Front elections—the combined forces of the Communists, the Socialists, and the Radical-Socialists—I had a series of talks with prominent politicians about what was happening in France. I saw Leon Blum, who was certain that the Popular Front would be successful but, who none the less, appeared to be somewhat uneasy. I saw Herriot, who told me that Communism in France was not dangerous but that the insidious growth of Socialism was more to be feared. He was alarmed lest his own party, the Radical-

By Henry Bernstein

Socialists, would be left holding the bag. I saw Mandel, who was mistaken, and assured me that the Popular Front would not triumph. I saw Reynaud. He too was mistaken. He predicted that strikes would bring about civil war in less than a year, which in turn would lead to a German invasion.

Finally, I saw Laval. For a year there had been rumours in France that Laval and Petain would seize power—Vichy five or six years sooner. "There won't be any elections," Laval's friends declared knowingly. Instead, there was to be a Cabinet of Public Safety, headed by Marshal Petain. Six months before, the rumours had ceased abruptly. The Laval Cabinet unexpectedly resigned, and both Laval and Marshal Petain refused to be members of the Sarraut Cabinet which succeeded it—the Cabinet which had to face the entrance of the German troops into the Rhineland.

When I talked to Laval, in his modest little office on the Champs-Élysées, the Rhineland invasion was an accomplished fact. I told him I was shocked by the occupation of the Rhineland, and particularly by the non-resistance of the French. To my surprise, Laval told me frankly that he believed the Sarraut Cabinet had done the right thing in not resisting the movement of the German troops. It was necessary, in his opinion, to live on good terms with the Nazis, at all costs. Their

power, he said, was going to become invincible. (And yet, at that time France had an immense army, and Germany had practically none.)

Laval went on to tell me of an interview which he had had at Cracovia, the year before, with Goering. He was returning from Russia, where he had signed the Franco-Russian pact, and he had stopped at Warsaw to attend the funeral of Marshal Pilsudski. Goering, he said, told him that an active Franco-Russian policy would immediately lead to war. With the same frankness, Laval said, "I have done everything I could to talk with the Germans, but they maintain absolute reserve. They are impenetrable."

How, I asked, could he hope to maintain political relations with neighbours who did not state their intentions? He shook his head and repeated that France "could not afford" a war with Germany.

At Warsaw, M. Laval had met Marshal Petain, who had also been sent by the government to represent it at the funeral of Marshal Pilsudski. The two men had attended the funeral services side by side and had returned to Paris together. What did they discuss that night?

On the future of French politics Laval was more far-seeing than any of the men with whom I had talked. He told me that the Blum Cabinet would carry out its programme too quickly, that the Popular Front would become an Unpopular Front; and that it would soon dissolve. Then more conservative hands would take power and would retain the essential reforms of the Blum Cabinet.

In the course of our conversation, Laval spoke of England without hostility, but with reserve. The English attitude in regard to sanctions had not been "clear." Certainly, Mussolini had been led to believe that England and France would not interfere with his activities in North Africa until Anthony Eden had been sent from London to set him right. Laval was hated in England; where he was openly called a traitor by some of the Cabinet ministers, and he knew it.

For some months after the Popular Front elections there was no further talk of a Petain-Laval coup. Then came rumours of a gigantic conspiracy, the affair of the "Cagoulauds." In July, 1937, the Rosselli brothers were assassinated, their bodies found in a forest near Bagnoles-de-l'Orne; one of them was a professor who had come from Italy, the other a resident of France, known to be an anti-Fascist.

On September 11, of the same year, two buildings near the Arc de Triomphe were demolished by explosions. One was the headquarters of the "General Federal"

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Hungary's "New Order" Results In Food Shortage

(By Ray Brock in "The New York Times")

WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION in Hungary over the Hungarian invasion and occupation of Northern Yugoslavia, the apprehension and alarm caused by Germany's altered attitude toward the Magyars and the steadily tightening restrictions on the purchase of food and everyday necessities are creating an atmosphere of uneasiness and discontent among the so-called "ruling classes" throughout the Hungarian capital and the provinces.

Veiled threats in the German press and almost outspoken comment on the German radio against Budapest's huge Jewish population, which, according to German commentators, "has a stranglehold on Hungary's economic life," have generated an understandable fear among Jewish bankers and financiers that the Reich may soon attempt to extend its control over Hungarian trade and financial policy.

While the German troop concentrations in Southern Hungary have been almost entirely withdrawn by moves southward into Yugoslavia or back to Rumania, the Germans are still much in evidence. There is a Gestapo organization throughout the country with Budapest headquarters.

Every Life Changing

German officers are still billeted in Budapest's leading hotels. The familiar slate-grey German Wehrmacht automobiles are still a part of the capital's motor traffic and German non-commissioned officers and officers still frequent the cafes and restaurants and take a leading part in Budapest's night life, which, incidentally, is waning rapidly.

In Budapest this correspondent had ample opportunity to observe the changes coming over the everyday life of the Hungarians. The old Hungarian proverb—"Magyar trust not the German"—seemed almost the keynote of the Hungarian viewpoint as expressed by dozens of Hungarians in the capital.

The wealthy and the poor alike are affected by the stringent new economic decrees rationing foodstuffs, and rising prices in a country already beset by the high cost of living have stirred murmurs of discontent among even the well-to-do Budapest families. There is the feeling that Germany and the German economic "new order" are primarily responsible.

German Penetration

It is common knowledge in Hungary that the Germans have installed co-ordinators and technicians, supervisors and efficiency experts in almost every branch of Hungarian finance and industry, transport and, of course, in civil and federal administration. The Germans assumed control of the Hungarian railroads, for instance, when the German Army began its occupation of Rumania. This control never has been relinquished and to-day it has become a permanent fixture, assuming administration of time tables, rolling stock and the maintenance departments.

Hungarian boxcars and flatcars are rolling over rails the length and breadth of German-occupied Europe, pulled by Hungarian locomotives, and in Budapest there were complaints of poor food distribution because of a shortage of railroad cars to carry foodstuffs from the provincial markets to Budapest and the major part of the ultimate consumers.

Food Restrictions

Bread, butter, cheese and meat are now rationed in Hungary, along with almost all canned foods, olive oil and dozens of delicacies dear to the hearts of Hungarian gourmets. The rationing of wearing apparel, especially shoes, is the cause of growing annoyance to most Hungarians. This correspondent talked with several Hungarians who had been trying for nearly five weeks to buy one pair of shoes. These people were of more than modest means—one of them was a prosperous lawyer—and they were bitter about it.

"Imagine!" said one. "I must call in the concierge of my building to look at my wardrobe and he must testify to the local police commissariat that I really do need a pair of shoes. The police must then investigate the shoe store after the proprietor has filed a written notice with the police that I have asked to be permitted to buy a pair of shoes."

Several vouchers go through a dozen departments and eventually, perhaps, I shall be permitted to buy myself a pair of shoes, unless they have been sold to some other poor chap before I get there. And if I get them I pay seven to ten pengoes more than they cost last year. What do you think of that?"

Anti-German Sentiment

The beginnings of the unrest and anxiety in Hungary are difficult to trace. While some observers explain that the anti-German feelings of the people are almost inherent and fundamental, and that the outward expression of such sentiment has begun to increase and has become manifest only with the spread of German influence and the accompanying food shortage, rising prices and rationing, others have still another and more credible explanation.

That is that the March suicide of Count Paul Teleki, the former Hungarian Premier, and revelation that Count Stephan Csaky, the former Foreign Minister, too, probably took his own life when further resistance to the German hegemony appeared impossible, shook Hungary out of her lassitude and into wide-eyed, dismayed awareness of her danger.

Alarm Follows Awakening

Regent Nicholas Horthy's about-face under German pressure and the cynical violation of the four-month-old Hungarian-Yugoslav pact of eternal friendship when Hungarian troops invaded Yugoslavia behind the Germans have contributed to the "waking up" of Hungarians to the grim realities of what German penetration means for Hungary, according to these observers.

As for the results of this awakening and the alarm and dissatisfaction in the country, few responsible sources in Budapest believe the people or the army will take any direct action to right things.

"It has gone much, much too far," they say. "An army coup such as occurred in Yugoslavia is out of the question here. For one thing, the army leaders are largely pro-German. Then there is no organized opposition. We have had many risings in the past, but now peasants are disarmed and still outwardly peaceful, however dissatisfied they may be."

The Jews Leave

"No, there is no likelihood of overthrow of the government by the army or the people. If anything, it looks as if the Nazis might stage one of their revolutions—if the anti-German feeling continues to grow here—in order to march in and preserve order. Wealthy Jewish families are

CAPTIVE'S WIFE IS BOMB VICTIM

Wife of a ship's captain who was a prisoner aboard the Nazi pocket battleship Graf Spee was among the victims of an air raid on a north-east coast town recently. Her husband is at present at sea unaware of the tragedy.

A bomb scored a direct hit on the house, killing the woman and injuring her sixteen-year-old daughter, Violet.

NAZI SHIP HAD NO CHANCE

Further details of the bombing of a 3,500-ton enemy ship off the French coast yesterday morning have now been given.

The ship was cleverly camouflaged and accompanied by a small escort vessel.

The pilot of the Coastal Command aircraft was in an ideal position to attack from the sun and at once went down in a dive of several thousand feet.

Towards the end of the dive and only a few hundred feet above the vessel, the pilot released his salvo and pulled out of the dive.

"The supply ship," said the pilot, "did not have a chance to fire a single shot at us although we could see a gun on her stern."

"The escort ship opened up directly she realised we were attacking and gave us everything she had. But it was too late and we were soon well on our way home." — British Wireless.

BRITAIN TO GET U.S. FOOD

THE FIRST GROUP OF FARM COMMODITIES ACQUIRED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO AID THE NATIONS FIGHTING AGGRESSION, SINCE THE LEASE AND LEND ACT, WILL SHORTLY BE AVAILABLE TO BRITAIN.

It comprises 75 thousand bales of cotton, 30 million pounds of tobacco, and 2,544 thousand bushels of corn.

Britain recently expressed a desire to secure United States cotton and tobacco to supplement declining stocks, according to Government sources.

Shipping shortages recently have restricted anything apart from concentrated food products. — Reuters.

leaving Hungary as fast as they can arrange it, working through the really enormous formalities of Hungarian red-tape and bureaucracy to get passports and permission to travel. There is a steadily increasing business in forged passports in Budapest, Argentine and Bolivian passports, it might be added, are the most popular among would-be Hungarian refugees to-day.

JAPANESE OPTIMISTIC REGARDING CHINA HOSTILITIES

(By Percy Whiteing)

MILITARY, economic and other aspects of the Japan-China conflict at its present stage, from the Japanese point of view, are described in an article by the Army Information Bureau of the Imperial Headquarters, published in the "Shuho," a periodical issued by the Government's Board of Information. The director of the Army Information Bureau is Colonel Hayao Mabuchi, who was stationed in Shanghai for several years.

After briefly reviewing the progress of the conflict, the survey finds that Japan's military operations and economic and military blockade are having effects from which Chungking is suffering severely, but that it is necessary for Japan to increase her propaganda efforts so as to gain the mind of the Chinese masses.

The article translates to the following effect: During the fifteen or sixteen months from the outbreak of hostilities on July 7, 1937, at Lukouchiao to the Japanese capture of the Wuhan area, the large well-trained, modern armies of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek fought gallantly. Nevertheless they were severely beaten by our forces everywhere. They suffered 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 casualties and the loss of most of their aeroplanes and guns, which are essential to the operations of a modern army.

Since the Hankow campaign Gen. Chiang's forces adopted a different strategy, continued to the present day, of resisting our forces by guerilla operations. In this their hope is to defeat Japan by exhausting her in a prolonged war.

Disregarding this project, however, we are guiding the China Incident into the reconstruction of China. This has tried severely the patience of the Chungking Government. It has come to the conclusion that it must revive its fighting strength by reorganising its armies and win victory by positive resistance, taking advantage of any favourable turn in the international situation.

Japanese Army Strategy

To meet this plan, the Japanese army is carrying on cleaning-up operations throughout China, thus reducing the fighting strength of the Chinese. The recent great military operations in southwest Shansi can be said to have revealed the fighting power of our forces and that of the Chinese.

The enemy forces which operated in that campaign were fifteen or sixteen divisions, comprising about 200,000 men. Our forces consisted of only a few divisions, collected from various points.

With this small force, however, we surrounded the enemy on three sides, destroyed in a few days the strong fortifications which it had taken them six months to construct, and annihilated the enemy's forces. This proves that our fighting strength has increased during the present stage of the China Incident.

Therefore, despite what Chungking may do to reconstruct its armies, it will be impossible for it to regain sufficient strength to make a general attack. The enemy will be able to maintain their forces in remote districts due to the vastness of the country. But the Japanese forces will relentlessly maintain strong pressure on them, and it is obvious that the enemy will eventually be completely defeated.

The enemy's greatest suffering is caused by the vast increase of their war expenditure and the malignant inflation caused by the lack of commodities. The fapi issue was estimated at some 6,600,000,000 at the end of 1940, compared with 1,400,000,000 before the conflict started. The fapi exchange rate on the pound sterling was 1s. 2½d. when the conflict began, but it has now fallen to about 3½d.

Blockade Of Chinese Ports

The Japanese navy's blockade of the China coast has been further intensified since last February, and Hong Kong has been deprived of its former function of

acting as a re-ay station for war supplies for Chungking. So the Hong Kong dollar keeps on falling.

The commodity shortage at Chungking has become acute. Taking the prices prevalent there at the start of the conflict as 100, the provisions price index at the end of 1940 had reached 360, and that of clothing had climbed to 1,270. Prices have recently been further inflated. Price advances precede the fall of the fapi exchange rate, showing that the final inflation period has been entered.

The only thing that is saving the Chungking Government from financial ruin is the aid from Britain and the United States.

Loans and credits advanced by them to China since the conflict began total some \$10,400,000,000. This money has been applied to the purchase of war supplies and construction materials, and to stabilisation of the fapi.

Chungking to-day can get material solely by the Burma route. So the Chungking authorities spend much effort on trying to maintain and improve this road, but our planes are frequently bombing it, interfering with its transportation capacity.

Nanking Reserve Bank

The new Kuomintang government at Nanking established the Central Reserve Bank last January, and proceeded to issue new fapi notes. Chungking, despite its reliance on its Anglo-American friends, is in a bad way, but the new Nanking fapi are successfully circulating. Our economic blockade of the Chungking Government is just beginning to achieve its real effects. The more we intensify it, the nearer it brings the fall of our enemy.

Meantime, Japan is fighting a severe economic war with Britain and the United States. Therefore it will be a big factor in our economic blockade of Chungking for Japan to change from the economic system of dependence on Britain and the United States to the system of east Asian self-sufficiency.

The China conflict is, in one sense, a war of anti-Japanese thought, with dependence on Britain and the United States and cooperation with Communism, against East Asian friendship and anti-Communism. Our enemy proclaims that Japan is imperialistic, that Wang Chingwei is a traitor, economic co-operation is an intrigue, Japan is being exhausted by the protracted warfare, and that the international situation is turning against Japan.

Propaganda Shown False

The facts of to-day prove that all this propaganda is false. But the Chinese troops and people in the interior believe in this Chungking propaganda, as they are cut off from the outside world. Therefore we keenly feel the need of strengthening our propaganda.

In waging this thought war, Japan has the great advantage of her objective being based on the spirit of international brotherhood. Our true intention is to help the world to be a family, in which all will be on friendly terms. We use the sword against only those who refuse to recognise this, or resist our efforts. Our thought war, based on justice, is gaining results

DESERT GUIDE CAUGHT

A fortnight after the announcement that he was awarded the Founders Medal of the Royal Geographical Society, Captain P. A. Clayton, D.S.O., was reported prisoner of war.

Captain Clayton received the medal for his surveys of the Libyan Desert and the use of his knowledge in desert warfare during recent operations.

GERMANS BOMBING RED CROSS

The Union of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the U.S.S.R. have addressed the following telegram to the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva.

"The Union of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the U.S.S.R. resolutely protests against the repeated bombings of ambulance units and institutions by German troops which invaded the territory of the U.S.S.R.

"From June 22 to 28, German bombers attacked and destroyed hospitals in Grodno, Lide, Minsk and Smolensk. They also bombed an ambulance train in Lwow and many field ambulance stations, despite the clearly visible identification marks established by the Geneva convention for such institutions. Three bombardments resulted in casualties among medical staff, wounded and sick under treatment in hospitals."—Tass.

everywhere.

For us to reach the minds of the Chinese people is a greater matter than questions of thought or opinion. In this connection, China may be divided into three categories: (1) old China, with Chungking as its centre, which is resisting Japan; (2) interior China, which believes itself at one with the democratic, moneyed nations Britain and America; and (3) new China, centring round Nanking, which is organising itself for peace and against communism.

The future leadership of China will be decided by which of these three will bring happiness to the Chinese people. Japanese troops are welcomed everywhere by the Chinese public, but it will take time for our ideals to be fully understood by the vast masses of China.

The world situation changes daily, amid which Japan's international position is advancing. While the anti-Japanese forces in China have been pressed back to remote areas, the China conflict has built up the general wartime structure in Japan and heightened our position in the world.

Japanese Position Heightened

The China conflict has never been such a war as to exhaust Japan. Some people see only the retrenchment side of the daily life of the Japanese, and thereby arrive at the notion that the China conflict is exhausting our national strength.

The fact is, however, that our productivity is constantly increasing, and our army and navy are expanding. And we must still further make manifest the Japanese spirit of serving our country, surmounting all obstacles and difficulties.



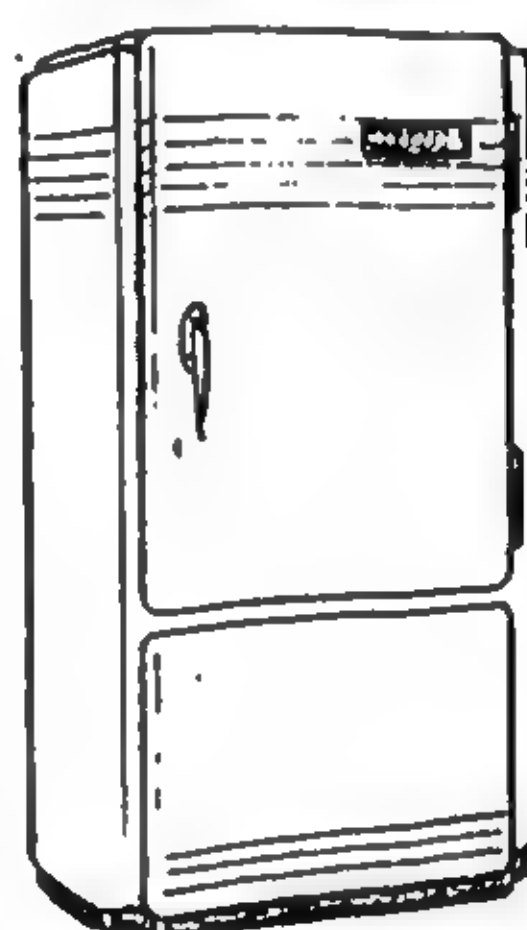
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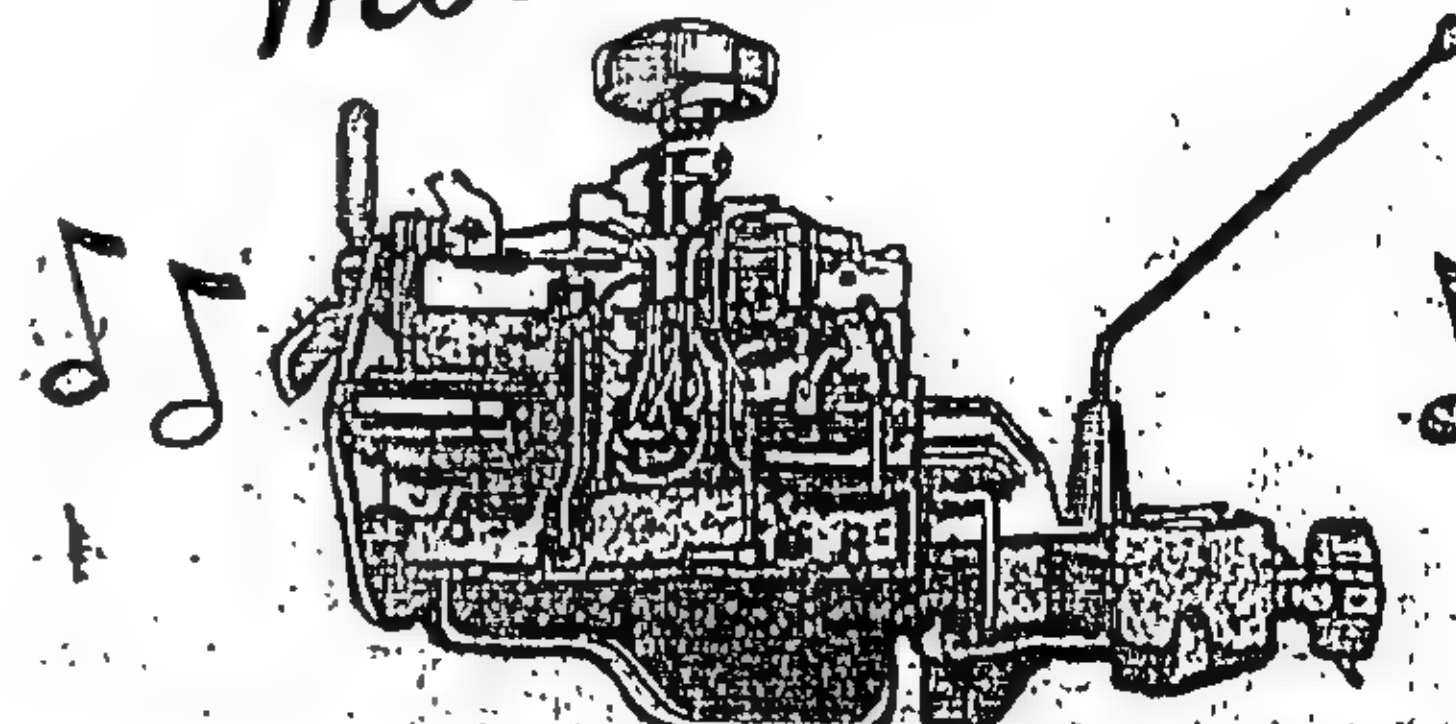


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BRIDGE NOTES

MAKE 'EM SWEAT

By The Four Aces

The other day we heard an expert giving some very sound advice to his partner, after that worthy had failed to make a game contract. "If you want to be a winning player," summed up the expert, "put the pressure on the enemy. Make 'em sweat!" Here was the hand that occasioned the lecture:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠ Q 10 5		♠ K 9 3 2	
♥ 10 6		♥ K 8 5	
♦ Q J 10 6 3		♦ 7 2	
♣ K J 5		♣ Q 10 6 2	

WEST		SOUTH	
♠ J 7 4		♠ A 8 6	
♥ J 9 7 3 2		♥ A Q 4	
♦ 8 5		♦ A K 9 4	
♣ A 9 4		♣ 8 7 3	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led a low heart. East played the King, and South took the heart Ace. Declarer immediately led a low club and finessed dummy's Jack. East won with the club Queen and returned a heart. South took the heart Queen and ran the diamonds, but West discarded a club and two spades and South failed to guess the spade situation. Eventually South lost another club trick and three hearts, down one trick at the three-no-trump contract.

The hand depended on a guess in one of the two black suits; but, as North pointed out, there was no need for South to make an out-and-out guess when he could put the pressure on the opponents and take the guess after noting their reaction. The hand is a very common "type," and its correct play should be noted by all who take their game seriously.

South's best chance, after winning the heart trick, consists in running the five diamonds at once. South need make only one discard—the low heart or a low club—and the opponents have to make six discards between them. Certainly South would be in a better position to guess after having noted these discards than he was before the discards were made. Nine times out of ten, indeed, the opponents tell you just what you want to know when you make them choose a number of discards. Remember the advice: Make 'em sweat!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenker	You	Major
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Your hand is too strong to pass, and the most logical response is a raise in spades.

Score 100% for two spades, 20% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 770

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ A 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenker	You	Major
1♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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THE SPIRIT OF FRANCE

(Continued from Page 7)

tion of French Employers, the other the headquarters of the Union of Metallurgical Enterprises—two associations of employers.

An attempt was made to accuse the Communists, but the government had in its possession several reports from the police hinting at a vast conspiracy to foment civil war, with stores of arms hidden at strategic points, and a large disaffected group in the army—the purpose being to put Marshal Petain in power and establish a monarchy.

A couple of months later, Pierre Michelin, the great industrialist of Clermont-Ferrand (where Pierre Laval has his chateau and his newspaper), figured in an automobile accident in which his wife was killed. On investigation, curious documents were found in the car which indicated that Pierre Michelin was affiliated with a secret society with ramifications in the army and in political circles, and possessing large stores of arms.

The government began an investigation. Great quantities of machine-guns, cannon, munitions, even a blockhouse, were discovered, hidden under garages, in country homes, in harmless-looking shops.

Strange facts were brought to light. The investigation revealed that two organisations were preparing for an armed uprising. One was the UCAD (Union of Committees of Defensive Action), and the other the CSAR (Secret Committee of Revolutionary Action).

From confessions obtained it appeared that the bombing of the two buildings had been done by provocative agents of the CSAR, and that the bombs had been manufactured by an engineer of the Michelin factories, named Locuty. The two employers' organisations and their employees had certainly been warned, for, at the time of the explosions, by a mysterious coincidence, none of the usual occupants was in the buildings.

The murder of the Rosselli brothers was put to the account of agents for the UCAD. Finally it was discovered that most of the armaments came from Italy, some of them being of German manufacture. Groups of men belonging to the CSAR and the UCAD were discovered in the army, the head of the UCAD being Col. Loustaneau Lacan, who was attached to the Second Bureau, in charge of information concerning Germany. Col. Lacan, formerly Marshal Petain's aide, and attached to the Cabinet when Petain was Minister of War under Doumergue, was merely asked to resign. When he was at liberty he started an anti-Communist newspaper under the name of "Navarre." One day a truck filled with copies of this anti-Communist paper was stopped at the Belgian frontier. The paper was being printed in Germany.

"It is true," admitted the members of the CSAR and the UCAD, "that we had a secret society. It was merely to protect us from Communism, as we knew the Communists were going to seize the government."

The ramifications of the affair were far-reaching. An extraordinary number of financiers and industrialists appear to have furnished funds. Many conservative politicians, and even some of the moderates, were involved. The only conservative politician to denounce the plot hotly were Reynaud and Mandel—Reynaud and Mandel were the heads of the anti-German party in France.

The influence of the conspirators involved in the affair was so potent that the investigation was quietly lost sight of. Most of the men who had been arrested were set free some of them having spent two years in prison. While the affair was at its height, a pamphlet appeared entitled: "Petain is the Man We Need." It was the work of Gustave Herve, ex-anarchist, ex-revolutionist, who, since his return to civilian status, had led a pleasantly cushioned life, editing a reactionary newspaper, "La Victoire," which—at vast expense to some one—was distributed free, by the thousands of copies. "La Victoire's" programme was a steady campaign for a government under the authority of Petain.

Marshal Petain, whose name was the rallying point of the conspiracy, continued to remain in the background. He declared emphatically that he had not been consulted in the affair of the Cagouards. His sustained friendship with its ring-leaders up to the present time is doubtless

mere coincidence. For we learn curious things about their subsequent relations with the marshal. After the armistice Col. Loustaneau Lacan was placed by Marshal Petain at the head of the famous state organisation, the Legionaries, which replaced the organisation of French War Veterans. He is still there. Charles Deloncle, head of the CSAR, arrested as one of the leading conspirators of the Cagouards affair, was with Marshal Petain at Vichy and is now a member of the Committee of Popular Assemblage with Laval; he is officially in charge of propaganda for collaboration with Germany.

The majority of the notorious Cagouards are to-day among the marshal's followers at Vichy. Some of them are with M. Pierre Laval in Paris.

THRILLING TASMAN-FLIGHT

A record for the flight across the Tasman Sea from New Zealand to Sydney, Australia, was recently established.

The time was 7 hours 48 minutes—and the last 100 miles was done with one of the four engines out of action. Pilot was Capt. J. W. Burgess who established the earlier record of 7 hours 51 minutes last October.

When a cylinder head blew off the starboard outboard motor the crew of the Tasman Empire flying boat prepared to make a forced landing. Advised of the mishap, Rose Bay, Sydney base raised a rescue crew and plans were made for the rescue plane to alight alongside the disabled machine to enable passengers, freight, and mails to be transferred. But when Pilot Burgess found his machine was maintaining speed he decided to go on.

The 12 passengers were unaware of the prospect of landing in the Tasman. "We all heard the engine go; there was a bang which could be heard above the roar of the motors," stated A. W. Coles, Federal Member of Parliament, who was a passenger.

"We saw that one engine was gone but we were told the machine could fly comfortably on three. Nobody worried any more. We were only 30 minutes from port and the excitement of nearing home left no time for worry about the engine."



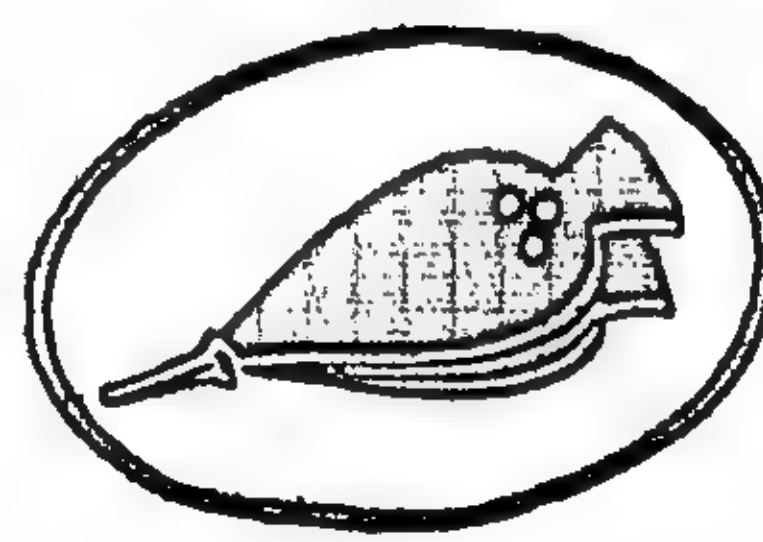
The confirmed optimist is he who thinks no worldly problem beyond his grasp.

DECENT WORLD NEEDS CHRISTIANITY

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Former Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, said in an interview that "our only hope of maintaining a decent world is dependent on Christian cooperation."

"The Christian churches, whatever their doctrinal and organizational differences, are at one in affirming the five fundamental principles of Christian civilization, every one of which is attacked by totalitarian philosophy."

Dr. Leiper names the five fundamentals as faith in the sacredness of human personality and the consequent freedom of conscience; faith in God as the author of man's nature; faith in human brotherhood; faith in the moral law as universal; faith in the possibility of order under law through the control of force in the public interest.

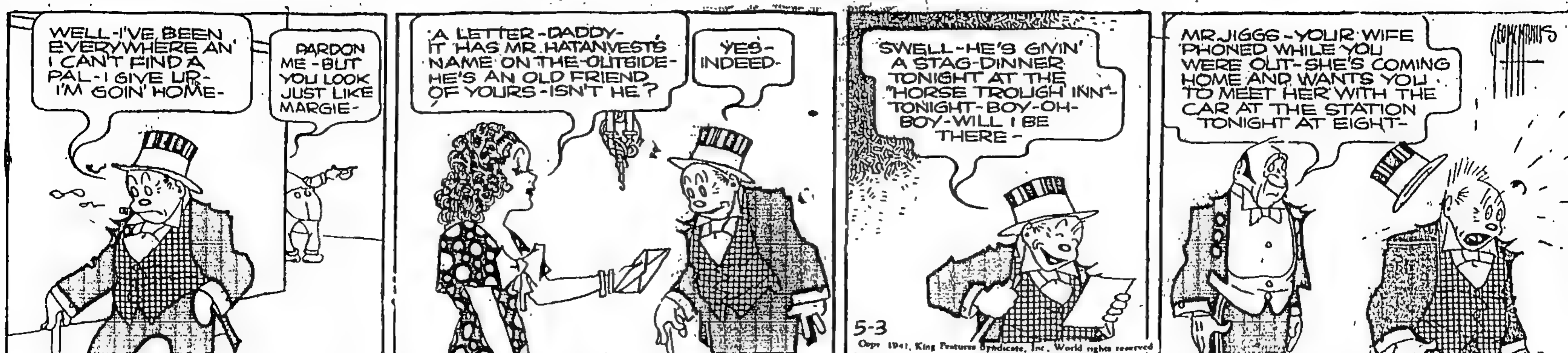


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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Facial Before Make-Up

There is nothing like a professional facial, given by skilled hands, to shake a woman out of blues. Just to loll comfortably in a chair, while nimble fingers beautify your face, is enough to restore your interest in life!

You may have got along beautifully with home treatments but now treat yourself to an hour in a salon for a thorough skin re-conditioning, before you invest in new cosmetics (especially make-up).

Watch how the operator applies the creams and manipulates the muscles of your face. Seek her advice as to what your skin needs. A conscientious operator will not try to load you down with a lot of useless beauty aids - she will endeavour to correct dryness if your skin is dry, banish wrinkles if they are there, or teach you how to treat an excess oily condition.

The thorough cleansing, softening and bleaching which your skin gets during a good facial will bring out a skin tone which you never expected was there. It is this tone which you should match with freshly mixed powder, a becoming rouge and lipstick.

If your make-up budget is limited take time to select make-up which will harmonise with most of the colour you wear. Extreme shades are for those women who can easily afford to be fastidists. I am acquainted with one beauty who buys two lipsticks, two shades of face powder and two nail polishes each season. No more. Always, the effect she creates is chic, and this is because her selection of make-up is wisely made with an eye to her wardrobe and the other eye on the success shade of the season. Naturally if you can afford to indulge in various shades, do so, for matching or contrasting



Periods of relaxation and scientific facials help greatly in keeping skin exquisitely textured and toned. Lovely ELLEN DREW takes excellent care of her skin.

make-up with what you wear has many possibilities of pleasing effects which create beauty.

About Masques

If you do not have a skin masque at home, now is a good time to invest in one. If you use it once every ten days or two weeks,

you will find your skin retaining a lovely freshness which is not possible to attain otherwise. But you must seek professional advice in choosing the masque formula. Some masques are too astringent for dry or sensitive skins, while others are too complicated to use in a home treatment.

All Eyes On Your Baby

You're keen that your baby should be perfect in every way. Of course you are.

So every now and then you like to check up to make sure that he—or she—is up to standard.

Do it to-day. Just imagine a row of prize babies—all different ages.

Each bears a ticket saying just why it is perfect.

Find the ticket that describes the baby that is the same age as yours and then compare notes. And if your child comes up to prize standards—give yourself a pat on the back.

If yours is a new baby—don't throw away this page. Keep it to check up on him as he grows older. It's a fascinating game of which mothers never tire!

No. 1 is the six-months-old baby, and his ticket says:

Making big stride. Wants to sit up—and look round at the world. Two teeth nearly through.

Weights about 15lb. Length 25in. Can have extras—half to one teaspoonful of carrot, lettuce, spinach or sprouts puree from a cup and spoon. Likes a tiny taste of egg yolk now and again.

No. 2 is the tiny one of a month old.

This says: Actually knows his mother! Has firm, pink skin. Gains 4oz. to 6oz. weekly. Sleeps all night. Kicks vigorously when awake.

Sucks strongly and well. Feeds for fifteen to twenty minutes. Gets the wind up easily afterwards. Is about 12lb. to 1lb. heavier than when born.

No. 3 is the ten-months-old baby and it reads:

Four to eight teeth. Can jump up and down. Rolls over. Crawls—just. Likes to try to feel his feet.

Weights about 19lb. Measures 28in. Has been off the breast for two months.

Takes tiny meals. Says Ta-ta, Dad-dy and Mum-mum. Needs seventeen hours sleep. Can be promoted to an evening bath.

No. 4 is the First Birthday child. Here's how it goes:

Knows a few words. Understands a heap! Is full of ideas. Clamours for bricks, cottonreels and big, coloured beads on a wire.

Soft spot is getting small. Four big back teeth about to come through. Stands well. Walks a bit.

Weights 20lb. to 22lb. Has three meals a day. Enjoys a joke. Sleeps the clock round. Considers birthdays great fun.

No. 5 is the day-old babe. Listen:

Quiet and warmth are his needs at first. Will probably lose a few ounces before he starts to gain (but that's normal).

Dislikes to be fussed or "forced" to feed. Prefers to "feel his way" at the beginning, sucking with a will when about three days old.

Weights 7lb., roughly, if of average size. Sleeps twenty-two to twenty-three hours out of the twenty-four.

No. 6 is the three-month old. It states:

Likes a rattle. Can hold up his head on his own. Needs five 5½oz. feeds in the day at six, ten, two, six and ten.

Has gained about 4lb. since birth. Has firm, pink flesh, which may be mottled. Plays with his

fingers.

Can grip quite hard. Needs fruit juice each day and little extra drinks of cool boiled water.

No. 7 is the eighteen to twenty months baby. This one says:

The soft spot has quite closed in Baby fat giving way to more shapely muscle. Has sixteen teeth or about that number.

Runs well. Puts Teddy to bed. Does up big buttons. Not gaining quite so fast as previously. Weighs 23lb. to 25lb.

Stands 30in. from the floor. Very lovable and sweet.

No. 8 is actually a double ticket, worn by twins. And it says:

Arouse interest everywhere. May be both girls or both boys as alike as two peas (or just the opposite). Or a girl and a boy who are not identically alike in looks or in ways.

Possibly premature—slightly. Generally smaller than the average child at birth.

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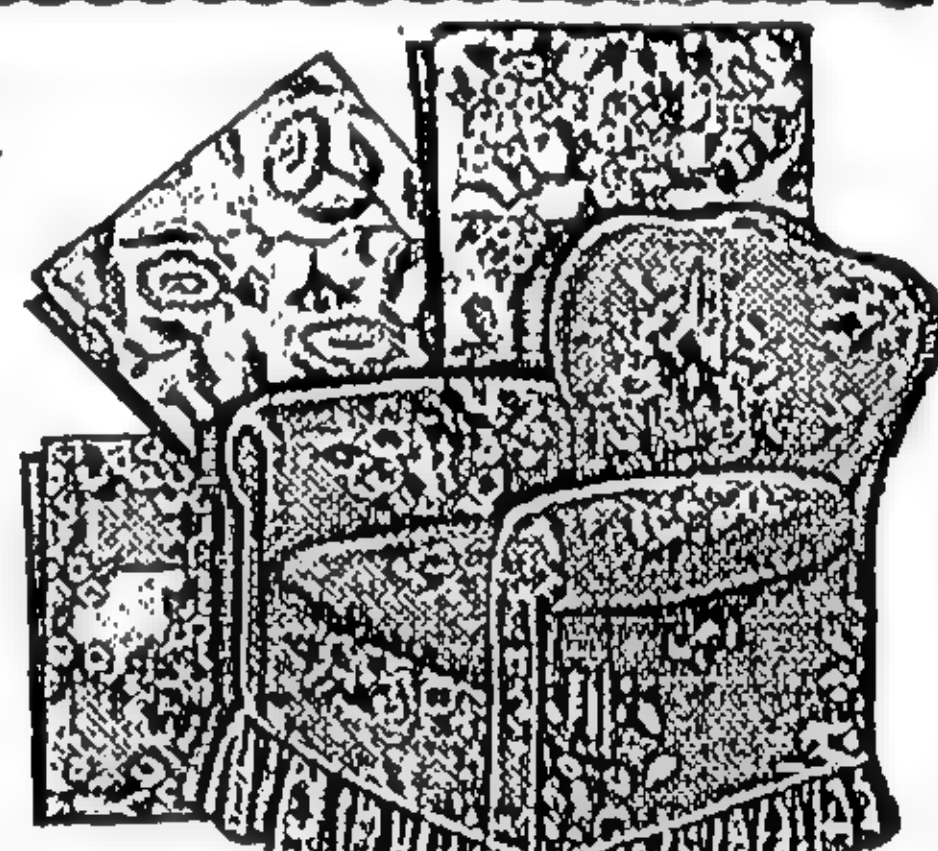
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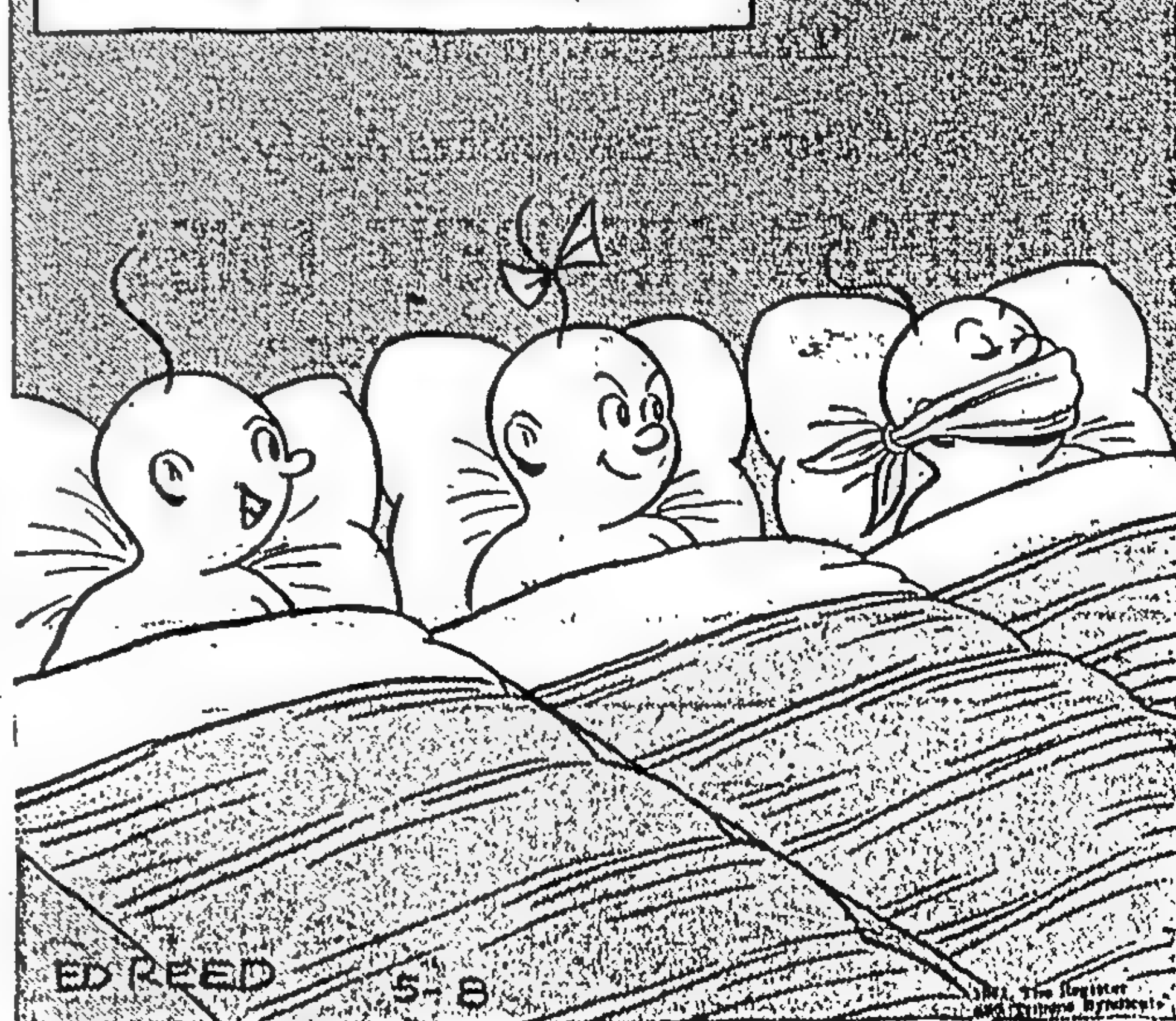
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12.30 p.m.—Kenny Baker (Vocal) and Hildegarde (Vocal) in Variety.

Chapel In The Valley (Rene-Lange-Porter); You Walk By (Raleigh-Wayne); Kenny Baker (Tenor) with Orchestra. Souvenir De Stille (Mazurka Varice (Leonard); Valse De Concert (Enrico Marucelli); Maria Scivittaro (Mandoline) with Piano. The Moon Got In My Eyes (Burke & Johnson); It's The Natural Thing To Do (both from 'Double Or Nothing'); Hildegarde with Orchestra. Pianoforte Duets—Bolero (Ravel); Variations on 'Who's Afraid Of The Big Bad Wolf' (Churchill & Ronell); Jacques Fray & Mario Braggiotti. A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody (Irving Berlin); Kenny Baker (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—The Rhonda Welsh Glee Singers.

Gipsy Laughing Chorus (J. Bell); V Delyn Aur; The March Of The Men Of Harlech (Old Welsh Air); Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau (Land Of My Fathers).

1.15 p.m.—Johann Strauss Waltzes.

The Blue Danube; Magyar Immre's Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. Roses Of The South; Freut Euch Des Lebens (Enjov Life); Orchestra Mascotte. Du Und Du—"Die Fledermaus"; Morning Papers; Marek Weber & his Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

Echoes of Harlem (Ellington); Show Boat Shuffle (Ellington); Moon Over Dixie—Fox-Trot (Ellington & Others); Me And You—Fox-Trot; Concerto For Cootie—Fox-Trot; Never No Lament—Fox-Trot; Cotton Tail—Fox-Trot; Blue Goose—Fox-Trot; Dusk—Fox-Trot.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.46 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Humorous and Instrumental Variety.

Laughter Sketch—Our Amateur Night.

The Regal Radio Party. Organ—Teddy Bears' Picnic (Bratton); Reginald Fort. Comedy Sketch—Sandy, The All-in Wrestler (Powell, Thomson); Sandy Powell, Hawaiian—Aloha Oe; Novelty—Granny's Old Arm-Chair; Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Orchestra. Song Of The Islands; Andy Iona (Steel Guitar) with Eddie Dunstetter (Organ). Comedy—Gracie's and Sandy's Party—Gracie Fields & Sandy Powell entertain; Charlie Kunz, Reginald Dixon, Larry Adler, Joe Petersen, Jay Wilbur and Primo Scala.

7.20 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Weep No More; My Romance; Ambrose & his Orch. Swing—Beat Me, Daddy, Fight To A Bar; Twelfth Street Rag; Hatchett's Swing; Fox-Trots—Drummer Boy (From 'Strike Up The Band'); The Little Man Who Wasn't There; Bob Crosby & his Orchestra. Tangos—Fragrant Flowers; Love Bells; Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Big Bad Bill; Jimtown Blues; The Casa Loma Orchestra. Waltzes—Beautiful Ohio; Missouri Waltz; Glenn Miller & his Orch. All Over The Place Arthur Young's Swingtette.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Light Orchestral Programme with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

Naila Waltz (Delibes arr. Doopler); Royal Opera Orchestra. Covent Garden. Oriental Prayer (Delibes); Bell Song (Delibes); Miliza Korjus with State Opera Orchestra. Suite De Danse—Intermezzo, and Valse Melancolique (Eduard Kunneke); Otto Dobrindt and Eugene Wolff Orchestras. La Villanelle (The Swallow—Dell Acqua); Miliza Korjus & Berlin State Opera Orchestra. Serenade—Valse Espagnole (O. Metra); Orchestra Ruby Goldstein.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—John Field—Sonata in C Minor, Op. 1, No. 3.

1st Mov: Non troppo allegro ma con fuoco e con espressioni; 2nd Mov: Rondo; Allegretto scherzando; Frank Merrick (Piano).

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—Popular Excerpts from Puccini's Operas.

"Tosca"—Selection; Marek Weber and his Orchestra. "La Boheme"—Que Cetto, Main Est Friole; Giuseppe Lugo (Tenor) with Orch; Musetta's Waltz Song; Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra. "Mignon"—Lescaut; Intermezzo; Milan Symphony Orch. "Madame Butterfly"—Farwell; Oh Happy Home; Alessandro Valente (Tenor) & members of La Scala Orchestra, Milan; One Fine Day; Rosetta Pampunini (Soprano) with Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Saint-Saens.

Carnival of the Animals; Introduction and March of the Lion—Hens & Cocks; Mules—Fagles—The Elephant—Kangaroos—Aquarium—Personnages with Long Ears—Cuckoo In The Woods—Birds—Fossils—The Swan—Flaute—Finale; Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra; Planes; Montgomery-Barabini.

10.35 p.m.—The London Symphony Orchestra and L. Tibbett (Baritone).

May Night—Overture (Hinsky Kozlov); London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Albert Coates. Myself When Young (from 'In A Persian Garden'—Lefmann); Lawrence.

11.00 p.m.—London—War Correspondence.

11.10 p.m.—Close down.

'PLANE LOCATOR IS HAILED IN AMERICA

RADIO ENGINEERING authorities in New York confirmed the importance of the British air-plane locating device which, according to an announcement by Lord Beaverbrook in London, has played a major role in fighting off German war-planes.

"This is not one of those death-ray things," said one broadcasting company official, who, like the others consulted, asked that his name be withheld from publication. "It is a real and practical development of the radio art."

A number of American engineers and scientists, it became known, have been familiar for some time with the existence of the radio-locator because they have been called upon to cooperate in its improvement and wider application.

An understanding of secrecy with the United States War Department, however, prevented disclosure of the aeroplane-finding device until its successful use was formally announced by the British Minister of State, Lord Beaverbrook, and Air Chief Marshal Joubert. The London announcement was timed to precede the appeal for American technical men to volunteer for maintenance work on the British air-raid defence front.

Research Results Exchanged

It was learned that research results in this field are now being freely interchanged among the major electric companies, the United States Army and British military authorities. While secrecy is being maintained with respect to possible leaks to German sources, the kind of trade secrecy that gives competitive advantage in peacetime is being abandoned in the interest of speedier defence discoveries.

What is believed to be the general principle of British radio-locator can be explained as follows: It has long been known that radio waves, on striking an obstacle, are reflected—somewhat as sound waves are reflected to make an echo. The shorter the waves, the sharper the echo. The device, therefore, uses extremely short waves, sometimes referred to as "microwaves."

The echo principle has been widely used in the U.S. to measure the varying height of the ionosphere, an electrified layer in the upper air which reflects radio waves and which, in fact, makes it possible for short waves to be transmitted beyond the horizon. The principle has also been applied to the absolute altimeter, an aeroplane safety instrument which measures the height of an aeroplane above the ground, or its possible proximity to a mountainside, by timing the echo of a short-wave beam.

An Altimeter In Reverse

The radiolocator might be described as an absolute altimeter in reverse. A sharp y focussed beam of short radio waves is sent out from a ground station and sweeps the sky like an invisible search-light.

On striking the surface of an enemy aeroplane the beam is reflected. Sensitive radio detectors are tuned in to catch the faint "echo."

So accurate are these detectors, it is reported, that they can estimate not only the direction but also the distance of the approaching plane. The beam penetrates fog and cloud, day and night. It has a speed advantage over the acoustic detectors, whose large curved listening horns are often seen in photographs of air-raid defence stations. Sound—which the listening detector picks up from the vibrations of motor and propeller—travels through the air at 700 miles an hour, which is only about twice the speed of a fast bomber. Thus, by the time a bomber is located by this method, it will already have flown some miles from the located spot. Radio waves, on the other hand, travel at 186,000 miles per second.

While these principles are generally current among technical men of all nations, the development of the appropriate microwave-generating tubes and sensi-

Tibett (Baritone) with Orchestra. A Night At The Proms—Intro; Carmen—Prelude to Act I (Bizet); Symphony No. 8—in B Minor—"The Unfinished" (Schubert); William Tell—Overture (Rossini); Fingal's Cave—Overture; Spring Song (Mendelssohn); Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G (Bach); London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Henry Wood. Do Glory Road (from 'Metropolitan'—Wood & Wolfe); Lawrence Tibett with Piano.

11.00 p.m.—London—War Correspondence.

11.10 p.m.—Close down.

tive yet rugged devices for their reception represents a recent research achievement. This achievement is embodied in Britain's new radio locator.

LUFTWAFFE DIVERTED BY R.A.F.

One of the most interesting features of R.A.F. operations under enemy territory has been the series of sweeps, sometimes carried out twice in a day.

Those following the fortunes of these offensive measures may have noticed that more recently there has been indication that R.A.F. fighters have encountered somewhat increased opposition. Such is in fact the case.

This is regarded as highly satisfactory evidence that one of the main purposes of these patrols is succeeding.

When Germany attacked Russia the day fighter strength on the Western Front diminished sensibly both in quantity and quality. The fact of increased resistance and "will to fight" means that many of these fighter squadrons have returned from the Eastern Front in order to endeavour to deal with the R.A.F.'s menace.

IT IS NOT TOO MUCH TO SAY THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED NAZI FIGHTERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR USE AGAINST THE RUSSIANS WERE IT NOT FOR THESE SWEEPS CARRIED OUT BY THE R.A.F.—BRITISH WIRELESS.

WAR CURBS GAMBLING

Though Britain spent considerably less on gambling during 1940, according to the Seventh Annual Report of the Churches' Committee on Gambling, this was due less to a change in outlook by the gamblers than to lack of opportunity because of wartime conditions.

Several protests were made to the Government during the past year, and certain restrictive measures were taken. Reference was made to the resumption of horse-racing, the continuation of greyhound racing, the amount of time, money, and newspaper devoted to football pools, and the growth of night clubs for officers and men on leave from the Services.

One special problem, resulting from the war and taken up by the Committee has been the question of gambling in air-raid shelters. While admitting that this was confined to small groups, the Report maintains that it was too prevalent to be ignored. Incidentally it is interesting to note that the statement on this question drawn up by the Committee and addressed to church and social workers played a definite part in the movement for improving conditions and introducing a better moral atmosphere into shelters. The Committee is still able, despite wartime difficulties, to collect facts and figures relating to every form of gambling, and hopes to serve as an international clearing house for data on gambling problems.

H.K. FOOTBALL ASSN. TO BUY WAR LOAN: NO NEW PREMISES

THE PROPOSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. WONG KA-TSUN, THAT THE ASSOCIATION INVEST \$5,000 IN HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAR LOANS MET WITH UNANIMOUS APPROVAL AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF H. K. FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR THE 1941-42 SEASON, HELD LAST EVENING.

MINIATURE

RACE MEET AT RECREIO

Club de Recreio's first miniature race meeting will be held this evening at the Club at 9 p.m. Proceeds are in aid of the B.W.O.F.

LOCAL SOCCER COMMENCES ON SEPTEMBER 27

The first meeting of the League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association was held yesterday, immediately after the Council meeting, when the composition of the various divisions of the League was decided upon.

Mr. J. Skinner was elected as chairman, and the other members present were Messrs. Wong Ka-tsun, chairman of the Association, Captain R. E. Guest, Messrs. T. G. Stokes, H. K. Lee, W. J. Brown, R. M. Omar, J. C. Guingam, C. A. Goldenberg, Hon. Secretary, and F. Souza, Assistant Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Skinner said that it was desirable to have the composition of the League decided upon as soon as possible and the fixtures arranged so that the fixtures of clubs could then be able to fit in their fixtures to the mutual benefit of clubs.

Three new clubs applied for admission to First Division. After some discussion it was decided to admit Royal Engineers into First Division. The applications of Royal Artillery and Kit Chee were not granted.

Sixteen teams were admitted to the Second and Third Divisions and it was decided that in view of the large number of entries Clubs will be asked to play off a number of League fixtures during the week so that all 16 clubs could be accommodated.

The applications of Lanford and Tung Yee to Second Division were refused and they were permitted to participate in Third Division.

It was decided that the opening date of the football season be Saturday, September 27.

Following are the compositions of the three divisions of the League:

FIRST DIVISION

St. Joseph's, Kowloon, Club, Police, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Kwong Wah, Royal Navy and Royal Engineers, 12 teams.

SECOND DIVISION

R.A.O.C., Club, Kit Chee, South China, Sing Tao, 7th R.A., 12th R.A., Royal Engineers, Kwong Wah, Royal Scots, Police, R.A.S.C., Middlesex, Eastern, Signals, Kowloon, 16 teams.

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C., Shell, International, Signals, R.A.M.C., R.A.F., Pui Ngai, Tung Yee, Lanford, 7th R.A., 36th R.A., 30th R.A., 12th R.A., 24th R.A., 20th R.A. and 965th R.A., 16 teams.

A meeting will be held next Thursday to arrange the first games of the season. Messrs. T. G. Stokes and J. Skinner and Capt. R. E. Guest were elected to the fixture committee.

POLICE BOWLS

Following are the latest results in Police Recreation Club bowls tournaments:

Novices Handicap, Singles: Second Round: Gough (scr.) beat Tillman (plus 4); Greenwood (scr.) beat Hayward (scr.); Davies (plus 3) beat Smith (scr.).

Club Singles: Second Round: Gough beat Dewar; Channing beat Downman; Perkins beat Mair; Nolan beat Wilcox. Pairs: First Round: Mair and Perkins beat Nolan and Harris; Soutar and Smith beat Davies and Greenwood; Riddell and Aitken beat Hodge and Pile; Ellis and Forrest beat Gough and Hayward; Channing and Downman beat McCleod and Shepherd.

Second Round: Carey and Post beat Walker and MacDonald; Mair and Perkins beat Soutar and Smith; Ellis and Forrest beat Riddell and Aitken.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. W. Pryde, H. K. Lee, R. M. Omar, K. K. Ip, W. Brown, C. Ying, J. Skinner, Mok Hing, J. C. Guingam, T. G. Stokes, Lt. Comdr. G. S. Hugh Jones, Capt. R. E. Guest, Lieut. M. Bell, Messrs. C. Goldenberg (Hon. Secretary) and L. Souza (Assistant-Secretary.)

The meeting also decided to take advantage of the clause in the lease for the premises to renew the lease for a further period of two years, after some discussion following a proposal by Mr. Brown that more elaborate premises were desirable.

No New Premises Yet

Mr. Pryde said that he had at one time served on the sub-committee charged with the task of finding suitable premises and he assured the meeting that it was not an easy matter. They were fortunate, he said, to have secured the present offices, through the Association's treasurers, at what was at the time considered very reasonable rental. Furthermore, Mr. Pryde continued, he felt sure the arrangements could always be made for the loan of a larger room should occasion arise to require one for a general meeting. Under the circumstances he felt the Association would not be justified in committing itself to further expense by launching out in more elaborate premises.

Mr. Pryde was supported by the chairman and Capt. Guest.

Applications by three new clubs, Tung Yee, Lanford and Pui Ngai Recreation Club were placed before the meeting and approved, and it was further announced that all old clubs had renewed their affiliation to the Association.

Election Of Officers

Mr. C. Ying, representing South China Athletic Association, in proposing the re-election of Mr. C. A. Goldenberg as Hon. Secretary, said he first wished to thank Mr. Goldenberg and his assistant, Mr. Souza, for the very efficient way in which they had carried out their duties last year. He felt they could not do better than re-elect Mr. Goldenberg. There being no further nominations, Mr. Goldenberg was unanimously re-elected.

The following sub-committees were appointed:

Appeals Board: The President and Vice-President of the Association, Referee's Sub-Committee: Messrs. R. M. Omar, T. G. Stokes and H. K. Lee, Emergency Sub-Committee: Messrs. J. Skinner, W. Brown and Capt. R. E. Guest.

Grounds Sub-Committee: Messrs. J. C. Guingam, Mok Hing and W. M. Glover.

It was decided that the monthly meetings of the Council will be held on the second Thursday of each month.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:

A.T.C. v. I.R.C.
P.O.R.C. (1) v. K.I.T.C.
J.R.C. v. C.R.C.
F.C. v. P.O.R.C. (2)
S.C.A.A. v. C.C.C.

K.I.T.C.—K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; U. H. Esmail and A. H. Mehal; K. Singh and N. S. Singh.
I.R.C.—M. Hassan and K. Nazarin; M. S. Hassan and M. I. Razack; G. Singh and A. J. Saffad.
F.C.—B. Poon and P. Poon; F. Gonzalez and W. Lee; T. S. Hsu and L. F. Souza.

C.R.C.—Yue Wing-chung and Yee Kwong-chung; C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy; Yin Chan and C. T. Tso.
J.R.C.—A. R. Pollak and B. Goddin; S. R. Ramler and M. Talan; E. Whitgob and A. Odell.

S.C.A.A.—C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau; W. H. Mok and P. Y. Kwok; K. C. Wong and S. L. Chung.



Because of the coupon problem in buying cricket shirts and trousers, two military teams provided an extraordinary sight during a recent match. Canadians of the R.A.M.C. challenged the R.A.S.C. to turn out for a match in pyjamas, thus starting a new fashion in sporting attire. The latter accepted the challenge on condition that R.A.M.C. would wear pyjamas at a forthcoming baseball match. Our photograph shows the R.A.S.C. team, clad in pyjamas, going out to field in the match.

SHANGHAI SWIMMING ASSOCIATION CO-OPT. LADIES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 1940 RECORDS

Breaking all precedents in local swimming annals the Shanghai Amateur Swimming Association has this season co-opted two ladies to serve on the Executive Committee and appointed a press agent, writes the "China Press."

TO-NIGHT'S GALA AT ARMY POOL

ROYAL SCOTS ARE ENTERING LAI TSUN SWIMMING UNION TO A SERIES OF EVENTS IN THE ARMY POOL THIS EVENING AT 8 P.M. AND SOME GOOD SPORT SHOULD BE WITNESSED AS, INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME, THERE IS A 440 YARDS FREE-STYLE EVENT OPEN TO THE COLONY, AND AN INVITATION MEDLEY RELAY FOR LADIES.

Chan Chun-nam, holder of the 440 Yards Colony title, may take part in the Open event.

The Ladies' Medley Relay will see V.R.C., C.B.C., South China and Lai Tsun in opposition.

During the evening there will be a diving exhibition, and a gymnastic display by an Army team.

The meet will conclude with a water-polo match between Royal Scots and Lai Tsun.

Following is the programme with Lai Tsun's nominated swimmers:

Men's 440 Yards Free-Style (Open To The Colony)
Lai Tsun:—Yau Sai-kwan or Chan Chun-nam.

Men's 100 Yards Back-Stroke
Lai Tsun:—Yau Yin-ting and Poon Wing-kai.

Men's 100 Yards Breast-Stroke
Lai Tsun:—Luk Sze-shin, and Tsang Cheong-po.

Women's Two Lengths Invitation Medley Relay
Lai Tsun:—Miss Lily Sadick (breast), Miss Lo Po-kum (back) and Miss Ko Mul-ling (free-style).

Men's Free-Style Relay (4 Men Of Two Lengths Each)
Lai Tsun:—Lau Tai-ping, Tsang Cheong-ming, Chan Chun-nam, and Poon Wing-kai.

Diving Exhibition
Men's Medley Relay (8 Men Of Two Lengths Each)
Lai Tsun:—Lau Yin-ling (breast), Fong Chung-yim (back) and Tsang Cheong-ming (free-style).

Gymnastic Display (By Army)
Men's 100 Yards Free-Style
Lai Tsun:—Lau Tai-ping and Chan Chun-nam.

Men's Back-Stroke Relay (4 Men Of Two Lengths Each)
Lai Tsun:—Lau Yin-ling, Poon Wing-kai, Wong Shu-chie and Yau Sai-kwan.
Water Polo:—Royal Scots v. Lai Tsun
Lai Tsun:—Lo Chun-huen, Lam Yau-ting and Wong Shu-chie; Chan Chun-nam, Poon Wing-kai, Tsang Cheong-ming and Tsang Chung-yun.

Mrs. J. Winter and Mrs. V. Elliot, better known in sporting circles as V. Lumsdaine and V. Prince, will look after the ladies' section, with Dave Zentner handling the publicity for the Association.

A review of last season's records, just released, shows that six new marks were set, of which L. S. Lumsdaine secured three in the men's section with Miss D. Gray, Miss J. Peach and Miss C. Meudmore chalking up new times among the ladies.

Shanghai Records

The complete list of last year's Shanghai Championship events follow as well as the local records. Ladies' 50 Yards free-style won by Miss C. Meudmore in 30-3/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—Miss J. Ball in 1934 of 30 secs.

Ladies' 50 Yards breast-stroke won by Miss D. Gray in 39-3/5 secs. (Shanghai record).

Ladies' 50 Yards back-stroke won by Miss J. Peach in 39-4/5 secs. (Shanghai record).

Ladies' 100 Yards free-style won by Miss C. Meudmore in 69 secs. (Shanghai record).

Ladies' Diving Championship won by Mrs. G. J. Grill.

Boys' 100 Yards free-style won by Master G. Gregg in 61-2/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—Master T. Britton in 1936 of 59-1/5 secs.

Boys' 220 Yards free-style won by Master C. Butt in 2 mins. 51 secs. Shanghai Record:—Master R. Hekking in 1939 of 2 mins. 38-1/5 secs.

Men's 50 Yards free-style won by R. Hekking in 25-1/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—T. Britton in 1936 of 25 secs.

Men's 100 Yards free-style won by R. Hekking in 59-4/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—N. G. Hammond in 1934 of 57-1/5 secs.

Men's 220 Yards free-style won by C. L. Huang in 2 mins. 44 secs. Shanghai Record:—A. T. Gavriloff in 1936 of 2 mins. 20-1/5 secs.

Men's 440 Yards free-style won by C. L. Huang in 5 mins. 57-1/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—M. Matsushita in 1936 of 5 mins. 34-1/5 secs.

Men's 880 Yards free-style won by L. S. Lumsdaine in 13 mins. 10-2/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—D. Smith in 1936 of 12 mins. 4-3/5 secs.

Men's 100 Yards breast-stroke won by O. Grebenschkoff in 77-4/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—R. Hall in 1939 of 68-3/5 secs.

Men's 200 Yards breast-stroke won by O. Grebenschkoff in 2 mins. 57 secs. Shanghai Record:—R. Hall in 1939 of 2 mins. 50-1/5 secs.

Men's 100 Yards back-stroke won by L. S. Lumsdaine in 65-4/5 secs. (Shanghai record).

Men's 150 Yards back-stroke won by L. S. Lumsdaine in 1 min. 48 secs. (Shanghai record).

Men's 150 Yards Medley won by L. S. Lumsdaine in 1 min. 52 secs. (Shanghai record).

Men's Diving Championship won by G. J. Grill.

Shanghai Water-Polo League Champions:—Foreign v. Portuguese.

Colony Records

For purposes of comparison, it is interesting to note that the Colony records are as follows:

Men's 50 Yards free-style:—Ng Nih (1940), and D. H. Taylor (1939), 24-4/5 secs.
Men's 100 Yards free-style:—D. Hutchinson, 55-1/5 secs. (1940).

EASTERN'S SURPRISE DECISION

By "Referee"

Yesterday's cable report that Eastern's touring football team are so taken up with Australia that they intend applying for permission to remain there and play as a team has caused a considerable stir in Chinese football circles, particularly among the Shanghai element.

Though Eastern were the club granted official permission by the Football Association to make the tour, a number of Sing Tao players are included in the side.

Should the players not return, Eastern and Sing Tao will be greatly affected and will hardly be able to raise a side for First Division, as most of their junior players are not yet up to the required standard.

Permission for the tour was granted on the strict understanding that the party were back in Hong Kong by the first week in September.

F.A. Meeting

Football Association met last night to decide the composition of the various divisions of the League, and it will be a pity, after including Eastern and Sing Tao in First Division, if these two teams are unable to fulfil their fixtures.

Mr. Sze Po-wai, committee member of Eastern, said that he was surprised at the report. It was only recently that he cabled to Mr. Chang Fook-yu, manager of the touring team, informing him that he, Chang Fook-yue, had again been elected manager at the annual meeting.

A cable was received from Chang a few days ago that Eastern would be concluding their fixtures soon, and would be in Hong Kong in time for the start of the League.

A Sing Tao official last night said that he was certain there was little truth in the report. Permission to stay would not be granted easily. It was possible that a few of the players might stay in Australia for a while after the departure of the team.

It is understood that return passage was booked from Hong Kong and an undertaking was given the Australian Immigration Authorities for the team to leave together at the conclusion of their tour.

Players In Party

Following are the players at present in Australia: Cheong Wing-choy (Sing Tao) (goal-keeper).

Sui Tim-lin (Sing Tao) (goal-keeper).
Lau Ting-sang (Sing Tao) (full-back).
Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao) (full-back).
Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern) (full-back).
Ng Ling-sing (Sing Tao) (half-back).
Leung Wing-chiu (Sing Tao) (half-back).
Kwok Wing-kee (Sing Tao) (half-back).
Chui Ah-fai (Sing Tao) (half-back).
C. T. Tsao (Eastern) (right-wing).
Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) (inside-forward).

V. K. Myul (Eastern) (centre-forward).
Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern) (inside-forward).
Yeung Shui-yick (Sing Tao) (right-wing).
Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao) (inside-forward).
Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern) (inside-forward).
Tang Kwong-sun (Sing Tao) (right-wing).
Hau Ching-to (Eastern) (left-wing).
Ip Pak-wah (Sing Tao) (left-wing).

220 Yards free-style:—W. Lawrence, 2 mins. 25 secs. (1935).
440 Yards free-style:—Chan Chun-nam, 5 mins. 25-3/5 secs. (1940).
880 Yards free-style:—Chan Chun-nam, 11 mins. 10-3/5 secs. (1940).
100 Yards breast-stroke:—Ng Nih, 70 secs. (1940).
100 Yards back-stroke:—Lau Po-hoi, 68-4/5 secs. (1939).

LADIES' EVENTS
50 Yards free-style:—Miss V. Churn, 31-3/5 secs. (1940).
100 Yards free-style:—Mrs. L. Mead, 68-3/5 secs. (1934).
440 Yards free-style:—Miss C. Gutierrez, 6 mins. 57-3/5 secs. (1940).
100 Yards back-stroke:—Miss L. Sadick, 65 secs. (1940).
100 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Li Po-luen, 65 secs. (1940).

BOYS' EVENT
100 Yards free-style:—G. Ivanovich, 60-4/5 secs. (1940).

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

Civil Service Cricket Club, who beat Police R.C. in First Division last week are experimenting this Saturday with a change-over of skips of two rinks.

Deakin takes over the rink led by McGowan last week, comprising Crawley, Colledge and Purvis, with the exception that Burling comes in as No. 3 in place of Purvis, who is not playing in this game.

McGowan will lead Gellatly, Carr and Simmonds—front men to Deakin last week—while in Rakusen's four Harper takes over No. 1 position from McKay, who is an absentee.

Volunteer duties this week-end have necessitated quite a number of changes in the Recreation teams.

In First Division their "A" team will be considerably reshuffled. There is one change in F. X. Silva's rink, at No. 2, Rodrigues coming in to replace Marques. In the four led by Luz, Pereira and Ribeiro, at Nos 2 and 3 respectively, will be replaced by Silva and Guterres, while Dick Alves, who skipped last week, will not be playing this time, and Carlos Silva returns to the side to lead D. C. Alves, C. E. Marques, J. J. Basto, H. A. Alves' four last week were J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro.

The "B" team is changed about even more, none of the skips playing last week being available.

C. C. Pereira takes over from C. M. Silva and, while he retains the first two men in F. A. Machado and A. F. Noronha, there will be a change in the No. 3 berth, Carvalho playing instead of J. C. Remedios. J. J. Basto, promoted to "A" team this week, will have his place filled by C. A. Lopes as skip. Osmund remains as lead, but A. P. Pereira comes in as No. 2 in order that C. H. Basto may move down to No. 3.

F. de Souza, No. 3 last week to the promoted Guterres, takes over duties as skip and will retain Vas at No. 1, but A. M. Xavier will replace Alarcon at No. 2, while Souza's position at No. 3 will be filled by J. A. Remedios.

In Third Division, for their match with Hong Kong Football Club, many changes have been effected. M. F. Pinna, who led E. Alarcon, Pereira, and Alves last week, will have as his front men this time Sequena, Almeida and Mendonca. Yvanovich's two "middle men", Ribeiro and G. Guterres, will be replaced by G. A. Pinna and Alves (No. 3 to M. Pinna last week) while H. R. Pinna takes over the third rink from M. Guterres, with E. Alarcon, lead to M. Pinna last week Xavier and Roza as his front men. Guterres' rink last week comprised Campos, Lopes, and Roza.

Indian Recreation Club are making only one change in their First Division team. Dallah and Munu retain the same four, but M. R. Abbas will have a new No. 2 in M. B. Hassan, who was No. 2 to Madar in Third Division last week. The newcomer displaces K. M. Rumjahn, the latter going No. 3 to A. G. Suffiad in Third Division on Saturday.

In Third Division a number of changes have also been made. A. M. Wahab keeps the same four, but A. O. Madar, who skipped the third rink last week, will not be available this Saturday and his place will be taken by A. G. Suffiad, who will have M. I. Razack, J. M. A. Rumjahn and K. M. Rumjahn as his front men.

Changes in S. M. Rumjahn's four are that J. M. A. Rumjahn will be replaced at No. 1 by M. U. Razack, who was No. 3 last week. M. A. Wahab, No. 2 last week, will move down to No. 1, while M. Hassan, lead to Madar last Saturday, will be seen at No. 2.

Like all the other clubs, Kowloon Bowling Green Club have also made some changes in their teams in First Division.

In the "A" team Holland keeps the same four he had last week, but Duncan, who was No. 3 to Hall last Saturday, will be leading Phillips, Levett and McKelvie, the last-named skipping

a four made up of Phillips, Levett and Drew last Saturday. In Hall's rink Sykes, No. 3 to Peckham in the "B" team last Saturday, changes places with Lockhart who was lead to Hall last Saturday, whilst Peckham, skipping a rink last week, will be No. 3 to Hall this time.

Meyer's "B" rink will be affected by one change, Drew who played No. 3 to McKelvie in the "A" team last week coming into the same position in Meyer's four to take the place of Gill, who is an absentee.

McNeill was skip to Elphick, Bower and Guy last week. This week Guy goes skip and McNeill No. 3, otherwise the rink remains the same. Sheriff, who takes over skip duties from Peckham, will have Hodder, Dixon and Lockhart in front of him. Peckham had Hodder, Dixon and Sykes.

In Third Division K.B.G.C. were "resting" last Saturday. For their match this week-end they will have the same team that scored a clean sweep win over Craigengower on July 5, no changes having been made.

Hong Kong Cricket Club, who drew a bye last week in Second Division, and who played their last match on July 5, when they beat Recreation by 2 rinks to 1, have made many changes for their game on Saturday.

There is only one change in Costello's rink, Haigh coming into the No. 2 position in place of Hospes, who goes to the same position in the new four

comprising Morrison, Hospes, Edwards and Davies. This rink replaces Brown's quartette (Davis, Boddow and Mackenzie) against Recreation.

In Goodwin's rink the only change is that Shields will be lead instead of Aitkenhead, who will not be playing this week.

In Third Division H.K.C.C. are engaged and there will be a pick-up game at Chater Road, teams to be chosen on the ground.

GAME POSTPONED

Owing to Volunteer exercises some changes have had to be made in the Second Division Lawn Bowls League fixtures. Recreation cannot raise a team and have called off their fixture with Prison Officers.

Kowloon Tong have done the same with their match against Hong Kong Cricket Club, who have taken the opportunity to arrange with P.O.C. to play off their match, postponed from May 24, on account of rain. This game will be played at Stanley.

Following are some of the selected teams:

CIVIL SERVICE

First Division (v. Recreation "B", away):—J. Gellatly, J. R. Carr, E. W.

C. Simmonds and J. F. McGowan (skip); H. F. Harper, A. F. Shephard, V. S. Ebbage and M. N. Rakusen (skip); P. D. Crawley, W. H. Colledge, W. J. Burling and J. W. Deakin (skip), Reserve: M. Scott.

CLUB DE RECREIO

First Division ("A" v. Police R.C., away):—D. C. Alves, C. E. Marques, J. J. Basto and C. G. Silva (skip); L. F. Xavier, A. Rodrigues, J. E. Noronha and P. X. Silva (skip); F. X. Soares, L. J. Silva, A. Guterres and R. F. Luz (skip).

First Division ("B" v. C.S.C.C., home):—A. J. Osmund, A. P. Pereira, C. H. Basto and C. A. Lopes (skip); F. A. Machado, A. F. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho and C. C. Pereira (skip); C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and E. Sousa (skip).

Third Division (v. H.K.F.C., away):—A. M. Silva, G. A. Pinna, E. A. R. Alves and P. Yvanovich (skip); F. P. Sequeira, P. Almeida, M. Mendonca and M. F. Pinna (skip); E. Alarcon, H. M. Xavier, A. A. Roza and H. R. Pinna (skip).

KOWLOON B.G.C.

First Division ("A" v. I.R.C., home):—W. L. Walker, G. W. Deacon, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip); L. Sykes, H. White, P. A. Peckham and A. J. Hall (skip); R. P. Phillips, E. Levett, J. McKelvie and R. Duncan (skip).

First Division ("B" v. K. Decks,

home):—W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, H. F. Lockhart and G. H. Sheriff (skip); H. Bicknell, E. A. Atkins, H. E. Drew and J. G. Meyer (skip); G. Elphick, A. Bower, W. McNeill and L. Guy (skip).

Third Division (v. K.F.C., away):—J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (skip); W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dinnen, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip); C. E. Langley, S. C. Walker, L. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (skip).

INDIAN R.C.

First Division (v. Bowling Green "A", away):—D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu (skip); A. K. Suffiad, M. B. Hassan, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (skip); J. Hoosen, A. K. Jernail, U. A. Rumjahn and A. R. Dallah (skip).

Third Division (v. Craigengower C.C., home):—B. el Arculli, K. Nazari, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (skip); M. U. Razack, M. Hassan, M. A. Wahab and S. M. Rumjahn (skip); M. I. Razack, J. M. A. Rumjahn, K. M. Rumjahn and A. G. Suffiad (skip).

HONG KONG C.C.

Second Division (v. Prison Officers Club Away)

S. L. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (skip); H. F. Shields, T. R. Howell, L. A. R. Duncan and F. Goodwin (skip); P. Morrison, E. Hospes, R. A. Edwards and R. R. Davies (skip).

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Asheville	1	1	.500
Royal Engineers	2	4	.333
H.K. Baseballers	2	4	.333
South China	0	4	.000

BASEBALLERS TAKE REVENGE ON SAPPERS

HOME RUNS BY RATCLIFFE, OF ENGINEERS, AND ELDER, OF BASEBALL CLUB, FEATURED THE LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME AT CHATHAM ROAD YESTERDAY, WHEN BASEBALLERS WON BY 17 RUNS TO 2.

In their first meeting Sappers scored a big win by 16 runs to 0. Schaberg pitched the whole distance for Baseballers, and limited the Sappers to three scattered hits. Baseballers scored six runs in the sixth inning, which included the home run by Elder with two men on bases.

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Mr. A. V. Alexander's Warning In London

R.A.F. Pays Call

An Air Ministry communique states several squadrons of Blenheim bombers attacked enemy shipping in the docks at Rotterdam yesterday afternoon.

Direct hits were made on many ships, including one of over 15,000 tons.

Warehouses and stores were heavily damaged.

Four British bombers are missing. Two of these were actually seen to bomb their targets.—Reuter.

CODREANU BROTHER SHOT DEAD

ZELON CODREANU, BROTHER OF THE CHIEF OF THE PROHIBITED RUMANIAN IRON GUARD, WAS SHOT DEAD IN BUCHAREST ON SUNDAY, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE PUBLISHED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY FROM THE RUMANIAN CAPITAL.

The official account says the affair occurred in a park where a quarrel broke out among a crowd. The policeman who shot Codreanu has been arrested. Reuter.

Threat Of Invasion Remains

SPEAKING AT A LONDON LUNCHEON YESTERDAY, MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, SAID THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ANYTHING BUT GRIM DETERMINATION TO FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF A LONG WAR WITH THE GRIMMEST PART YET TO COME.

The threat of invasion remained. The call for a yet greater and more intense national effort remained as dominant and insistent as ever.

"It is on the Atlantic that our life depends and if we defeat the U-boat and long-range aircraft our strength will steadily become overwhelming.

"As to the defeat of the U-boat, I am not going to give you facts and figures, for which the enemy Intelligence Service would pay many thousands of pounds.

"I WILL, HOWEVER, TELL YOU THAT DURING A RECENT PERIOD I RECEIVED A SERIES OF REPORTS WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE ANY FIRST LORD.

"There is another thing I can also tell you. There is a room at the Admiralty containing a

number of highly sceptical—almost said cynical—officers who refuse to accept any doubtful claims to destruction of U-boats.

Never A Doubt

"The gentleman who had the job of passing a camel through the eye of a needle was on an easy wicket compared with the captains of our little ships who hopefully report an attack upon a U-boat. "When I am informed by the Staff that a U-boat has been accepted as destroyed, I know there is no shadow of doubt she is in Davy Jones' locker.

"I am certain there are many more which do not get back to Germany and Italy.

"Recent enemy snipping losses have been highly satisfactory.

"The American move into Iceland was a most significant event."

American Press

Mr. Alexander added: "I am certain myself that by this action the United States will be able to fulfil her declared intention of protecting the western hemisphere much more efficiently."

The First Lord said he read the American press in cable form each morning because he regarded it with such importance.

One description of the occupation of Iceland, giving the meeting of Americans and British, said the British knew the Americans were soldiers after their own hearts and had been ordered to see that armaments should arrive safely, and the Americans knew they were meeting men who knew how to use that armament and were not going to stop until the world's enemy was beaten so completely that he would never again cause trouble.—Reuter.

Navy's Supreme Qualities

Mr. Alexander stated: "Let me impress upon you that the supreme qualities of the Navy are shown in the accomplishment of such a great and intricate operation as the safe transport of armies and their equipment and their supplies to Egypt and above all in work of escort and protection of our merchant shipping in the Battle of the Atlantic.

"This battle is continuous. It is not a battle which flares up and dies away—it is on the whole time.

"What is called for in seamanship, endurance and courage defies description. The situation is always difficult and to relax for a moment would be fatal.

"But there are great encouragements. Our escort ships have increased in number although I want many more.

"Our merchant ships are better armed, the cooperation of the Coastal Command of the R.A.F., strengthened by flying boats from the U.S.A., is steadily increasing

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NAZIS MAKING ADMISSIONS

(Continued from Page 1)
Pskov, Smolensk, Bobruisk and Novograd-Volinsk.

"During the day our air force destroyed motorised units, attacked enemy aircraft on aerodromes and operated against troop concentrations on river crossings, and bombed Ploesti and transport and oil tankers at Sulina, Tulcea and Saccea. "An enemy tank battalion retreating from Rogatchev was sur-

ounded and destroyed." Regarding the Russo-German war, a military observer in London yesterday stated that the next few days would be crucial for the Russian bold strategy of defence in depth.

German Claim

The Germans claim to have captured Tallinn and Novgorod, says a message received by the Stockholm "Aftonbladet" from Helsinki quoting a Berlin report.

The message adds that Finnish reconnaissance planes on Sunday found Tallinn ablaze and ships busy evacuating troops.—Reuter.

Nazis Achieve Little

After nearly four weeks of fighting on the eastern front the Germans have achieved nothing that can be reckoned as a final or even substantial advantage.

This is the opinion held by competent military observers in London who add that unless they can go considerably further their onslaught will not be worth the expenditure of men and machines they have made.

"It is only fair to say," is one comment, "that there is deep admiration here for the Russians in the fight they have already put up."—British Wireless.

Russian Noon Communique

The midday Russian communique yesterday stated: "In the course of Tuesday night fighting continued in the Pskov, Porkhov, Polotsk and Vitebsk directions.

"In other directions and sectors of the front, no major engagements took place and no substantial changes occurred in the position of the troops.

"In the course of the night our air force acted against enemy motorised and mechanised troops and continued the bombing of the Ploesti oilfields. Large fires broke out as a result of the bombardment."—British Wireless.

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TOKYO CABINET RIDDLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
With the Emperor back in Tokyo following the resignation of the Cabinet last evening, the formation of a "stronger Government" is expected.

In the Konoye Cabinet's year of office Japan has been beset with internal problems, and it was felt the Premier was unable to cope with the crisis growing out of the Russo-German war.

Observers also say that Mr. Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, who is believed to be out, lost face over the signing of contradictory pacts with Russia and Germany.

The influential army newspaper "Kokumin" speaks of the possibility of a German victory and made the interesting comment that all steps should be taken to ensure Japan's safety in such an event.

Recent London reports predicted that Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador to Britain, would succeed Mr. Matsuoka as Foreign Minister, but that would seem, on the surface, to be against the trend.—International News Service.

NAZIS HOT AND BOTHERED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm stories saying President Roosevelt has ordered the U.S. Navy to fire on German warships and intends American entry into the war before the Russian campaign ends, have caused a furore in the German press.

The German spokesman declared: "The United States has to define its position."

The newspaper "Deutschland Dienst" says: "The Axis is not to be intimidated, although maintaining alliance concerning possible consequences which will not affect the situation, or prevent the destruction of England."

The "Voelkischer Beobachter" says "provocations are becoming more obvious." — International News Service.

Nothing Final Or Substantial After Four Weeks

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A BITTER STRUGGLE ON THE NORTH AND CENTRAL FRONTS, TOGETHER WITH A SMASHING RUSSIAN AERIAL ATTACK ON THE PLOESTI OILFIELDS, DURING WHICH GIANT FIRES WERE CAUSED, AND A CONTINUATION OF THE FIGHTING IN THE DIRECTIONS OF PSKOV, POLODSK, PORKHOV AND VITEBSK, ARE THE LATEST FEATURES OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR AS ANNOUNCED IN MOSCOW.

AMERICANS IN BRITISH WAR CABINET!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Baron Elibank proposed in the House of Lords yesterday that Mr. Churchill considers widening the War Cabinet to include representatives of the Dominions, India and the United States "who will soon be nearer to us in the war than at present."

—International News Service.

EXCEEDING AXIS AIR OUTPUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

American and British aircraft production in July will reach approximately 3,000 military planes, exceeding the German output for the first time, high defence officials in Washington reported yesterday.

American military observers abroad have disclosed that British attacks on Axis air factories and oil depots are having a telling effect on German efforts to maintain a high rate of production. Confidence is expressed that the American and British out-

There has been no important change in the positions on other fronts, says a Red Army communique, which claims three major German setbacks in the drive against Leningrad.

A "crushing defeat" was inflicted on the German forces, according to Moscow military circles.

The Russian forces, says a war bulletin issued in Moscow, have counter-attacked enemy efforts to penetrate east to join the tank spearheads in the Kiev area.

Berlin continues to issue boastful and contradictory statements. Latest is that the German drive has penetrated east of Kiev, after Russian artillery had shelled the advancing columns, although only yesterday a Berlin Radio announcer was pulling out of the Kiev fable and attributing the reports to "foreign sources."

"Siege Of Leningrad"

Military quarters in Berlin, however, admit that they will find tenacious resistance when the "siege of Leningrad" begins.

"Shattering blows," Berlin claims, have been dealt the Russian forces in the drive on Kiev, when "several hundred" gun positions were taken in two days. The positions were skillfully camouflaged, Berlin says, being recognised only when firing.

Liquid fire and grenades were used in the fighting in the Kiev area.

A "blinder movement swinging from Mogilev and Vitebsk in enveloping Smolensk in preparation for a mighty push on Moscow."

The Germans say their strategy is to keep the Russians "dazed" and giving them no chance to ascertain where the next major blow is coming. — International News Service.

Nazis Achieve Little

After nearly four weeks of fighting on the eastern front the Germans have achieved nothing that can be reckoned as a final or

put of bombers will continue to surpass the German.

Approximately 1,500 American planes will come from the assembly line in July, it is stated, increasing to 2,000 in September, with the British figures equal. — International News Service.

STRONG RUSSIAN ATTACKS

It is admitted in Berlin that the Germans are meeting "extremely heavy Russian resistance and strong counter-attacks," writes the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung," the Swiss newspaper.

Meanwhile the latest Russian communique states: "When our troops approached an aerodrome, eight Fascist aeroplanes attempted to take off but owing to the bad state of the engines, the personnel of the aerodrome decided to surrender."

"On July 15 a Hungarian bomber landed in Soviet Bessarabia and surrendered. The crew declared they refused to fight for Fascist Germany."

"A BATTALION OF ENEMY TANKS RETIRING UNDER THE BLOWS OF OUR TROOPS FROM ROGATCHEV WAS SURROUNDED AND DESTROYED."

"The crews of the enemy tanks were so exhausted that many of the drivers could not get out without assistance. Medical examination of the personnel showed that the weakness of the prisoners was due to systematic malnutrition and physical overstrain." — Reuter.



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EXTREMISTS TAKING SADDLE?

Japanese Cabinet Resignation

A LITTLE WIDE OF MARK

Members of the State Department have refused to comment on the Japanese Cabinet resignations pending further details.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, told his press conference he had received no official information yet.

It is generally believed in Washington that the conservative business group has forced out the army-controlled Government and, if so, this could be of extreme importance to America, according to officials. It is stated in Washington that President Roosevelt had hoped that this might sometime occur and had therefore avoided any serious break with Japan in recent weeks. —Reuter.

JAPANESE BUSINESS ATTITUDE

Japanese business circles are inclined to be more friendly to America and less anxious to cooperate with the Axis.

The firm policy of Britain and America in the Pacific is believed to have upset Japanese foreign policy in some degree, in the view of some observers in Washington yesterday.

The Anglo-Soviet Pact has also proved an embarrassment to Japan, causing some popular discontent which has possibly strengthened the hands of the business group. —Reuter.

YOMIURI'S USUAL

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The Tokyo newspaper "Yomiuri" charged yesterday that American warships are "encircling" the Japanese mandated islands.

The paper warned the Japanese navy to keep a close watch on the American Fleet, "which is now standing by to clear decks at a moment's notice." —International News Service.

CHINA AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

A proposal that Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Foreign Minister, should immediately take up negotiations with Britain, the United States and possibly Russia, to devise concrete plans for mutual assistance in the present war against the Axis powers and for the reconstruction of the world after the war, was made yesterday by the "Ta Kung Pao," influential Chungking daily, in a leading article. —Reuter.

BOMBER DOWNED

A few enemy aircraft operated off our coasts yesterday, but none flew overland, states an Air Ministry of Home Security communiqué.

Up to 6 p.m. no reports were received of any bombs dropped. An enemy bomber was shot down yesterday morning off the south coast by our fighters. —Reuter.

All Indications Of End To Party Influences

THE JAPANESE CABINET HAS RESIGNED EN BLOC, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN TOKYO LAST EVENING, IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR A STRONGER GOVERNMENT TO COPE WITH THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

The present Cabinet will remain in office for the time being under Imperial orders.

The Emperor and Empress, who have been holidaying in the country, returned immediately to Tokyo yesterday, an indication that a very serious situation is confronting the country.

Announcement of the resignation of the Cabinet came after an extraordinary Cabinet meeting which took place at the official residence of the Premier, Prince Konoye, earlier in the evening.

It was reported that the Cabinet discussed an "important subject."

Following the Cabinet's resignation, authoritative Government circles in Tokyo stated there would be no change in the Government's basic policies in either the domestic or the international field.

Official disclosure of the resignation was made suddenly and sensationally about 40 minutes after Prince Konoye had returned from Hayama Imperial villa, where the Premier was granted a 25-minute audience by the Emperor.

The resignation was decided on at the emergency Cabinet meeting held at the Premier's official residence at 5.30. After the meeting the Premier entrained direct for Hayama.

Konoye's Work

Prince Konoye returned to Tokyo at 9.40 p.m. and called another Cabinet meeting.

Outstanding events in Japan's history during the year-long tenure of Prince Konoye's Cabinet included:

First, the dissolution of all political parties in the movement for inauguration of a totalitarian national structure, which resulted in the creation of the "National Service Association."

Second, conclusion of the Tripartite Alliance, which bound together Japan with Germany and Italy.

Third, signature of the Sino-Japanese Treaty with the Nanking government headed by Wang Ching-wei, on November 30 last year.

Fourth, conclusion of the Neutrality Pact with the Soviet Union on April 13 while the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, was en route home after his State visits to Berlin and Rome.

Politicians Jettisoned

The new development wipes out the last vestiges of the political parties' influence in Japanese politics.

Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara, former President of the Kihara faction of the Seiyukai Party, has resigned his post as member of the Cabinet Advisory Council which he had held since December, 1939.

The Government formally accepted Mr. Kuhara's resignation, which was handed in at 3 p.m. to the Premier.

Not In Keeping

Mr. Kuhara said: "As an old guard member of a political party

my presence on the Cabinet Advisory Council is not in keeping with the new structure movement."

Mr. Kuhara said he was dissatisfied with the liquidated political parties still wielding influence.

He felt called upon to resign since he joined the Cabinet Council as president of the Kuhara faction.

He declared his conviction that Japan in the present emergency must follow a course neither patterned after American Democracy nor totalitarianism modelled upon the German pattern but a policy based on "total cooperation of the people."

He said that in order to realise this ideal it was necessary immediately to eliminate certain disunited political activities as at present there was no room left in Japan for individual political groups to attempt to assert their power. —Reuter.

BREAKING UP BROKEN HILL

A demand that Government should act immediately against monopolies and "assume control of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company in the interests of the nation," was made at a sitting of the Australian Advisory War Council yesterday.

The demand was made by Mr. Forde, Deputy Leader of the Australian Labour Party, on behalf of his fellow councillors, Mr. N. J. Makin, Mr. J. A. Beasley and Mr. Herbert Evatt.

"We have been disturbed by the apparent disintegration of this company to submit to speedy conciliation in minor disputes which may lead to major stoppages," Mr. Forde said.

Mr. Curtin, Australian Labour leader, concurred with Mr. Forde's statement.

The Broken Hill Proprietary Company is a well-known company. —Reuter.

U.S. AIR PATROLS IN AZORES AREA?

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, the isolationist leader, yesterday called on Col. Frank Knox, the Navy Secretary, to state whether United States warplanes were patrolling the Atlantic in the vicinity of the Azores.

Senator Wheeler said he was advised by passengers in trans-Atlantic ships that such activity was under way. —Reuter.

NANKING RESHUFFLE PREDICTED

Rumours are rife that there will be a drastic reshuffle of the personnel of the puppet Nanking government following the return of Wang Ching-wei from Japan, says a Shanghai dispatch.

The Japanese authorities are said to be insisting that Wan Keh-min, former "Chairman of the North China Political Affairs Commission," and Chen Chung-fu, former "Chairman" of the defunct "Reformed Government in Nanking," should join Nanking while a new "Minister of Finance" should be appointed to replace Chow Fu-hai.

They have suggested that Wang Ching-wei be "Chairman of the Nanking Government," Chen Kung-po be appointed "President of the Executive Yuan," Chow Fu-hai be transferred to "Mayor of Shanghai," Kiang Kang-hu, be appointed "Chairman of the Overseas Affairs Commission," and Wang Keh-min and Chen Chung-fu be made "Minister of Finance" and "President of Legislative Yuan."

Wang Ching-wei is trying to defer the reshuffle on the ground that such drastic changes may affect smooth working. —Central News.

SHARP DIVISIONS BROUGHT END TO CABINET

(By O. M. Green, Reuter's Far Eastern expert and former Editor of the "North-China Daily News.")

IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SHARPLY DIVIDED AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IN VIEW OF THE GERMAN INVASION OF RUSSIA.

The extremist party led by Mr. Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, and General Tojo, Minister for War, are believed to have strongly urged that Japan should seize the opportunity for further expansion in Indo-China.

On the other hand the more moderate politicians led by Baron Hiranuma, Minister of Interior, who is known for his cautiousness and strength of mind and who was brought into the Cabinet by the Premier, Prince Konoye, last December, in order to support him against the extremists, are believed to have favoured a watching policy until events in Europe should be more clear.

This section of the Government is believed to have been strongly supported by Big Business in Japan which is becoming very

nervous at the strain on the Japanese finances and her economic position due to the war in China.

Forced By Army

While the reasons for the resignation of the Japanese Government must be pure speculation at present, it seems probable that the diversion of opinion between the two factions was so acute that the extremists, led by the Army, forced a resignation in the hope of carrying their policy with a new government. —Reuter.

1,000 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON BREMEN

Grim Figures On Weight Of British Raids

OVER 2,000 TONS OF BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN THE RUHR AREA BETWEEN JUNE 16 AND JULY 10.

Further examples showing the weight of British night attacks, are the dropping of 1,000 tons of bombs on Cologne and over 500 tons on Bremen during the same period.

Photographs proving that Muenster, the German town recently bombed on successive nights, contained military objectives, have been brought back by R.A.F. reconnaissance planes. German propaganda described Muenster as a "Cathedral town with no industry except breweries."

Photographs showing the effect of the first night R.A.F. raid were shown to the press in London yesterday.

They prove that the bombing was entirely concentrated on the aerodrome and all the aerodrome buildings have been burnt out and an adjoining barracks very badly knocked about.

Accurate And Effective

The Dortmund-Ems Canal, surrounding part of the aerodrome and a big railway junction, also suffered.

"The photographs show clearly to an expert that there was practically no damage on the residential district," said an official of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

"On military targets the bombing was pretty accurate and effective," Reuter.

NO TREATIES NEEDED

ASKED IN THE COMMONS IF HE WOULD PUBLISH THE TREATIES OF ALLIANCE BETWEEN BRITAIN AND HER ALLIES, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID THAT THE ONLY TREATY OF ALLIANCE IS THE ANGLO-POLISH AGREEMENT REGARDING MUTUAL ASSISTANCE SIGNED IN LONDON ON AUGUST 25, 1939, AND ALREADY PUBLISHED.

Mr. Eden added: "It will, however, be recalled that in the resolution unanimously adopted at the inter-Allied meeting in London on June 12, the Governments represented were described as being engaged together in the fight against aggression and they agree to continue the struggle against German or Italian oppression until victory is won, and mutually to assist each other in the struggle to the utmost of their respective capacities."

"No formal treaties are indeed necessary to express the close ties of friendship which bind the Allied peoples and which are finding expression in deeds rather than in words,"—British Wireless.

SHAI STRIKE SETTLED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The labour situation in Shanghai has been slightly eased with the settlement of the two-week long China Electric Company dispute and the Ribbon Blue Dairy strike. Several other deadlocks are continuing.—International News Service.

RING-STOLEN

A diamond ring, valued at \$700, is reported to have been stolen from No. 280, Queen's Road Central, at about midnight yesterday.

BRITISH RAID AT TOBRUK

The raid made by British forces from Tobruk, which the enemy mistook for a major attempt to break out of the town, took place on July 12, it was disclosed in London yesterday.

The raid was carried out astride the road from Tobruk to El Gobi, about 38 miles south of Tobruk.

The operation was the work of a patrol of 40 men and a tank-hunting platoon, who were supported by artillery and machine-gun fire from the British positions on the Tobruk perimeter.

OBJECT OF THE RAID WAS TO CAUSE CASUALTIES TO THE ENEMY AND SECURE IDENTIFICATIONS.

The British inflicted over 50 casualties and brought back five prisoners, which gave the necessary identifications sought.

No tanks were encountered. British casualties were 10 men wounded and three missing.

The enemy's description of this small operation was "a determined sortie to break out of Tobruk."—Reuter.

BRITISH CASUALTIES IN AIR RAIDS

It was officially announced in London yesterday that British civilian air raid casualties from January 1 last year to the end of June were approximately 41,900 killed and 52,600 injured and detained in hospitals.—Reuter.

LEAGUE STILL KICKING

A reminder that the League of Nations is still carrying on is given by Mr. Sean Lester, the Secretary-General, in the Report for 1941, issued in Geneva yesterday.

Mr. Lester states that both the personnel of the League and the budget were considerably reduced but the International Labour Office, of which part has been transferred to Canada, is still working in Geneva on a reduced scale.

The Secretariat of the League continues to furnish Governments with "useful information on hygiene, nutrition, housing, social assistance, protection of youth, help to refugees and the fight against the abuse of drugs."

Mr. Lester expressed the view that after the war responsible statesmen will have to restore the mechanism of international life in order to avoid a return to the tragedy of wars.—Reuter.

SUPPLY CONVOY BOMBED ON WAY TO LIBYA

WIDESPREAD ACTIVITY by the R.A.F. was reported in yesterday's Middle East communique which says that early yesterday morning Bomber Command aircraft successfully attacked a convoy of enemy shipping off the coast of Tripolitania.

Two heavy bombs struck an 8,000-ton vessel amidships and completely destroyed it, and another was damaged in the bows by a direct hit.

Enemy aircraft which attempted to drop bombs on British merchant vessel on the Libyan coast on Tuesday were engaged by R.A.F. fighters, and six Junkers 87's and one Messerschmitt 109 were shot down.

During the night of July 14/15 our heavy bombers attacked enemy-occupied aerodromes at Eleusis and Hassani (Greece) and Heraklion (Crete).

At Eleusis direct hits were made on hangars and runways and dispersal points, causing a number of large fires and explosions.

Similar results were reported from the other objectives.

Messina Raid

During the same night R.A.F. heavy bombers carried out a highly successful attack on docks and other military objectives at Messina.

Several tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped and great fires were started at the ferry rail-head, engine sheds, a transformer plant building, warehouses, and four lines of trucks were set ablaze and the fires were visible 65 miles distant.

A number of enemy aircraft flew over the Suez Canal area on

Tuesday night, one came down in the Great Bitter Lake and another crashed south of Port Said.

From the above operations two of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

GERMAN WOMEN FOR NORTH CHINA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] Some of the 120 Nazis evacuated from the Netherlands East Indies are being sent to North China while the rest are temporarily living in the German School in Shanghai. Forty-five are leaving for Tsingtao to-day.—International News Service.

JAPANESE RAID IN SHANGHAI

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] In a new Japanese raid in the French Concession in Shanghai, seven Chinese were arrested in a large Chinese hotel with the cooperation of the French police. The Chinese are suspected by the Japanese of working for Chungking.—International News Service.

MALAYA'S WAR TAX YIELD: M.P. QUESTIONS

ESTIMATED TOTAL YIELD from war tax in the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States for the current year, respectively, is \$10,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. G. Hall, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Colonies, answering a question.

Mr. Hall added the yield from war taxation on rubber exports in 1941 was estimated to be, respectively, Straits Settlements \$519,000, and F.M.S., \$3,000,000.

Since those estimates were made, however, the rates of duty had been doubled in both territories.

A question was asked on the approximate number of Malayan residents earning incomes respectively of between £270 and £720, £720 and £3,400, and over £3,400.

Mr. Hall replied no information at present was available.—Reuter.

BARRACKS THEFT

Spr. Robertson, of Wellington Barracks, has reported the theft of a wrist watch valued at \$150, from his room, yesterday.

HOSPITAL PATIENT LEAPS TO DEATH

A 20-year-old patient, in the Precious Blood Hospital, Ng. Chihang, committed suicide early yesterday morning by jumping from the second floor verandah of the Hospital. He died instantly.

EMBEZZLEMENT

Three months' hard labour was imposed on Lui Keng, 34, salesman, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning for embezzling \$32.

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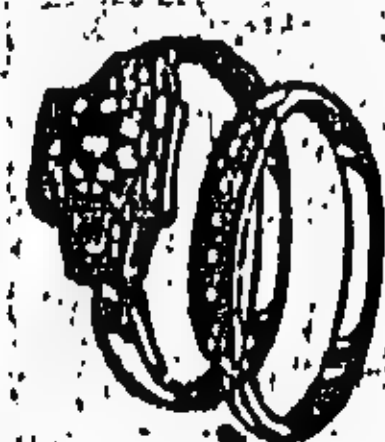
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IMPERIAL FORCES GIVEN ASTOUNDING RECEPTION

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Forces in Syria)

An astounding reception was given by the Syrian and French populace to the Imperial forces as they entered Beirut. Arabs and Syrians gathered at the roadside and on housetops and there was an air of gaiety about the capital.

There was much cheering, clapping and scenes of terrific enthusiasm as the convoy of advance troops entered the suburbs.

It was fitting that marching at the head of the parade was a battalion of Australians commanded by the colonel who initiated the first attack on the Litani River.

With an improvised band they marched to the centre of the city playing "Waltzing Matilda" and other popular airs.

When the cavalcade of Bren-gun carriers, trucks and infantry circled the Place des Minons, the crowd rushed into the roadway and lifted Australians shoulder high, while others seized instruments and struck up dance music.

Touching Ceremony

To-day at noon there will be the official entry, led by General Wilson, General Catroux and Gen. Larminat, when units of Imperial infantry, cavalry and armoured fighting vehicles will join in the parade.

Meanwhile General Dentz left with his forces for Tripoli after a touching ceremony on Monday when the General bade farewell to the forces.

OBSERVERS STATE GENERAL DENTZ WAS FILLED WITH EMOTION AND TEARS WERE STREAMING DOWN HIS FACE.

The innermost secrets of the Syrian tragedy will only be revealed by the passage of time.

While the Vichy troops have been fighting bitterly against the Imperial troops, inside the country they are treating prisoners and internees with the greatest consideration.

Internee's Story

Reuter's Tripoli correspondent, who remained in Syria after the last Briton had left and was interned by the Vichyites at Kesrounan, high in the Lebanon cedars, said:

"We were treated marvellously and were even allowed to listen nightly to the B.B.C. for the latest bulletins."

There is no shadow of doubt that Syrians and French alike are delighted Britain has taken the initiative and marched in, thus freeing the country from the threatening influence of Axis infiltration.

Last night there was curfew at 10 o'clock with a proclamation posted all over the city warning the populace that any act contrary to the safety of the Imperial forces, proven after military trial, would be punishable by sentence of death.—Reuter.

Syrians Cheer R.A.F.

The inhabitants of Syrian towns cheered and waved as a large force of R.A.F. bombers escorted by fighters carried out a goodwill mass flight yesterday over the principal towns in Syria.

The aircraft circled over Beirut where thousands thronged the principal streets and squares waving a frantic welcome.—Reuter.

CONVOY BOMBED

A successful attack was made on an enemy convoy off the coast of Tripolitania by R.A.F. planes. Two bombs landed amidships on an 8,000-ton ship and sank it.—Reuter.

CLOSING UP BLACK CHAPTER

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, declared yesterday he hoped Hitler's attack on Russia might lead to the closing up of the "black chapter of ostracism and misunderstanding which has gone on since the last war."

Mr. Bevin, who was speaking at the opening of the "more women for war work" campaign in London, said: "The Russo-German war might well bring orientation." He continued: "Russia, with the British Commonwealth, might be a great contributing factor to a 100 years of peace in the world if only we handle the situation right, with imagination and tolerance."

"Equally, on their side, the Russians will learn, as they are learning now, that whatever they said about us, when the hour of trial came we did not hesitate."

"We did not hold against them propaganda or anything that had occurred in the past."—Reuter.

CHINESE ENVOYS RETURNING

Mr. Chien Tai, Chinese Ambassador to Belgium, arrived yesterday in Lisbon where he is expected to meet Mr. Chen Chieh, former Ambassador to Berlin. From Lisbon they will together taken a plane to America en route to China.—Central News.

EQUIVALENT OF A PEACE TREATY

The Convention signed in Syria is in fact the equivalent of a peace treaty—the signing of peace.

This was pointed out in military circles in London in explanation of the use of the term "Convention."

An armistice, it is pointed out, is a temporary cessation of hostilities until such time as an agreement is reached on more lasting lines.

Use of the term Convention means that hostilities have finally ceased between the Vichy French and the British.—British Wireless.

BRITISH PLANS IN ICELAND

THE QUESTION OF WHEN THE BRITISH TROOPS ARE GOING TO LEAVE ICELAND WAS RAISED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY A QUESTIONER WHO CITED THE STATEMENT BY THE ICELAND PREMIER THAT THE BRITISH TROOPS WOULD LEAVE WHEN THE AMERICANS ARRIVED.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, replied it was really a question of time.

The question was governed by President Roosevelt's statement to the Iceland Premier that he was prepared to send United States troops to supplement and eventually replace the British troops there.—Reuter.

U.S. OFFICIALS IN LONDON

A party of American officials will arrive in London shortly. They have been sent to England by Mayor LaGuardia, U.S. Director of Civilian Defence, as a board of municipal officials to observe British civilian defence work.—British Wireless.

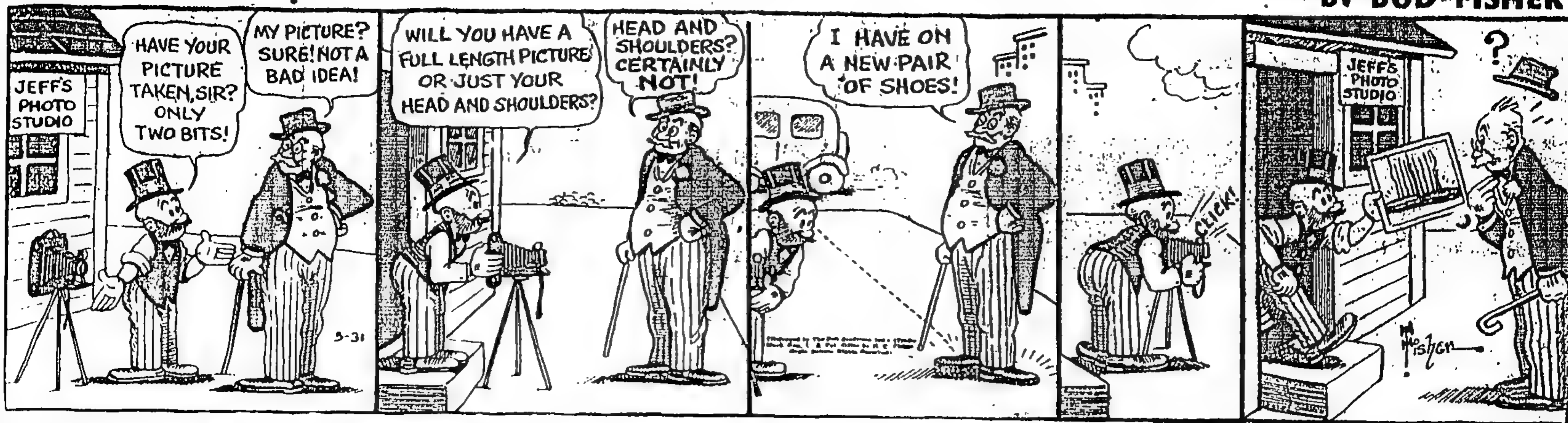
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AUSTRALIA REQUISITIONS SHIPS

The Australian Government has requisitioned 63 ships in the inter-state trade, the Commerce Minister, Sir Earle Page, announced yesterday. The ships will be operated by the Shipping Control Board.—Reuter.

RECEPTION FOR MR. OWEN LATTIMORE

Mr. Owen Lattimore, personal political adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who arrived in Hong Kong on Tuesday, will be the guest of honour at a reception by members of the Institute of Pacific Relations at the Peninsula Hotel this afternoon.

Mr. Lattimore has had a busy round of social functions since his arrival. He was the guest of H. E. Governor at luncheon yesterday.

B.B.C. SUNDAY ANTHEM BROADCAST TO CEASE

THE SUNDAY EVENING broadcast by the B.B.C. of the national anthems of Britain and the Allied countries is to be discontinued, announced the Minister of Information, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, answering a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Duff-Cooper said: "The increase in the number of national anthems renders it impossible to do justice to the whole of them in the time allotted.

"I have suggested to the B.B.C. that in future the period previously taken up by national anthems should be devoted to the national music of nations whose people are now fighting with us.

"A different nation will be selected each week, and perhaps in some cases it may prove possible to combine two or three."

Mr. E. Shinwell (Lab) asked if the Minister had suddenly become embarrassed by the suggestion that another national anthem (the Internationale) should be played on Sunday evenings.

No Sudden Decision

Mr. Duff-Cooper replied that no sudden decision had been taken in the matter.

Answering another Labour member, the Rev. R. W. Sorensen, Mr. Duff-Cooper said the period would certainly include a national song for Russia.

Following Mr. Duff-Cooper's statement in the House, the B.B.C. later announced that the national anthem period next Sunday evening will be devoted to French national airs.

The following Sunday the period will be devoted to Russian airs.—Reuter.

RETURNING HOME

CHINESE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STAFFS ARE RETURNING HOME IMMEDIATELY FROM THE AXIS COUNTRIES ON ORDERS OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

The withdrawal follows announcements of the recognition by Germany, Italy and Rumania of the Japanese-sponsored government at Nanking.

Thirty-four Chinese envoys are expected in Lisbon in a few days from Berlin, while 18 more are expected from Rome.—Reuter.

AXIS DIPLOMATS IN ANKARA

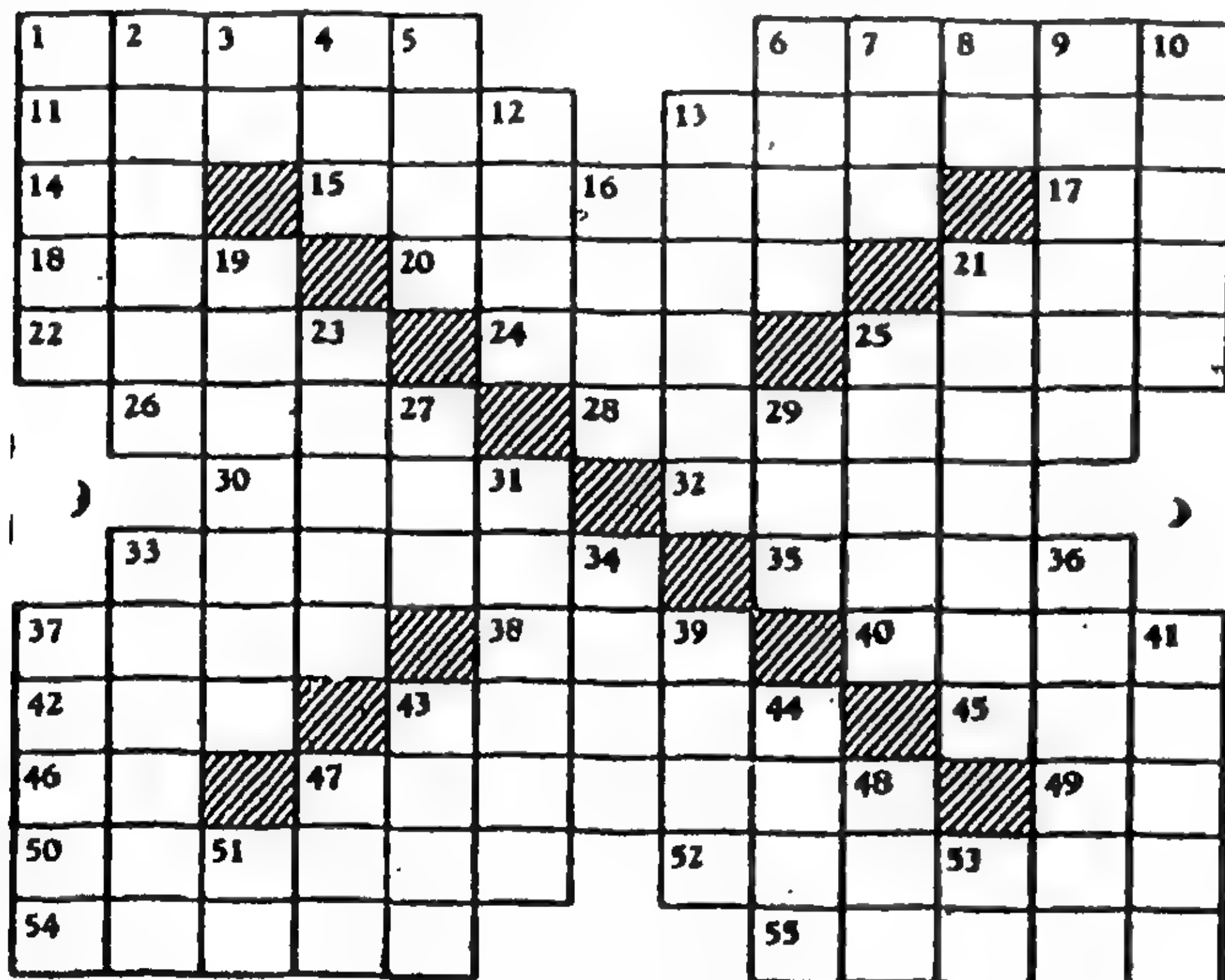
Ambassadors, Ministers and other diplomatic representatives of Germany, Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia in Moscow arrived in Ankara by train yesterday afternoon, according to Ankara radio quoted by Reuter.

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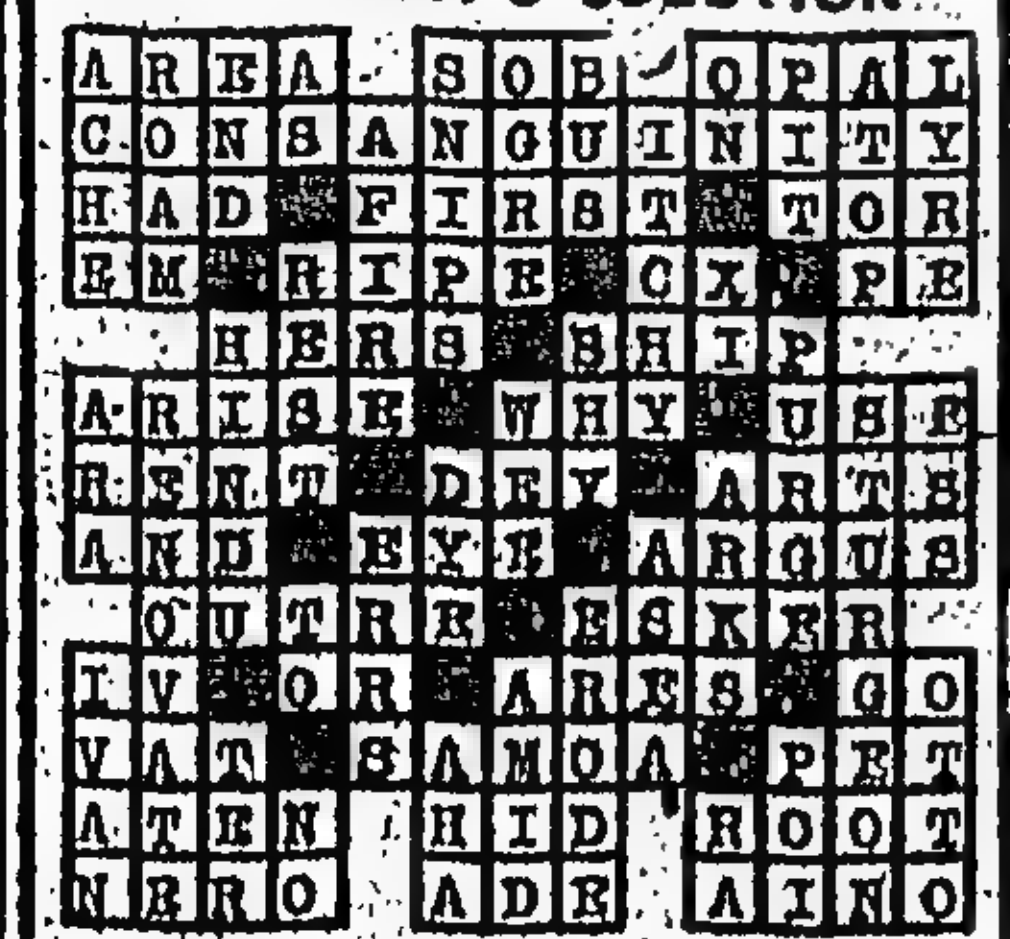
HORIZONTAL

- 1 On the move
- 6 Fencing swords
- 11 To render mild
- 13 Ditch
- 14 Pronoun
- 15 Act of eating away
- 17 Exclamation
- 18 To immerse
- 20 Fastens
- 21 To haul
- 22 Ardour
- 24 Negative
- 25 Plunder
- 28 Poetic enough
- 29 Sod nymph
- 30 To forbode
- 32 Act
- 33 Card suit
- 35 Winter vehicle
- 37 Grasped
- 38 Roman bronze
- 40 Ice crystals
- 42 Some
- 43 Tendency
- 45 Prefix, three

VERTICAL

- 1 Apart
- 2 Useless
- 3 Siberian river
- 4 Poem
- 5 To rotate
- 6 God of love
- 7 To indite
- 8 Printer's measure
- 9 Reverberated
- 10 Gaudy
- 12 Pertaining to the dawn
- 13 Aslant
- 16 Hill in Jerusalem
- 18 Complete equipment of a warrior
- 21 Emblem of Neptune
- 23 Wanderer
- 25 Pines
- 27 To marry
- 29 Law: things
- 31 Approached
- 33 Bugle call
- 34 To appear
- 36 Window in a gable
- 37 Filaments growing from the skin
- 39 To cut
- 41 To brandish
- 43 Card having three spots
- 44 Egyptian measure
- 47 Ornamental device
- 48 Argument
- 51 See!
- 53 Colloquial father

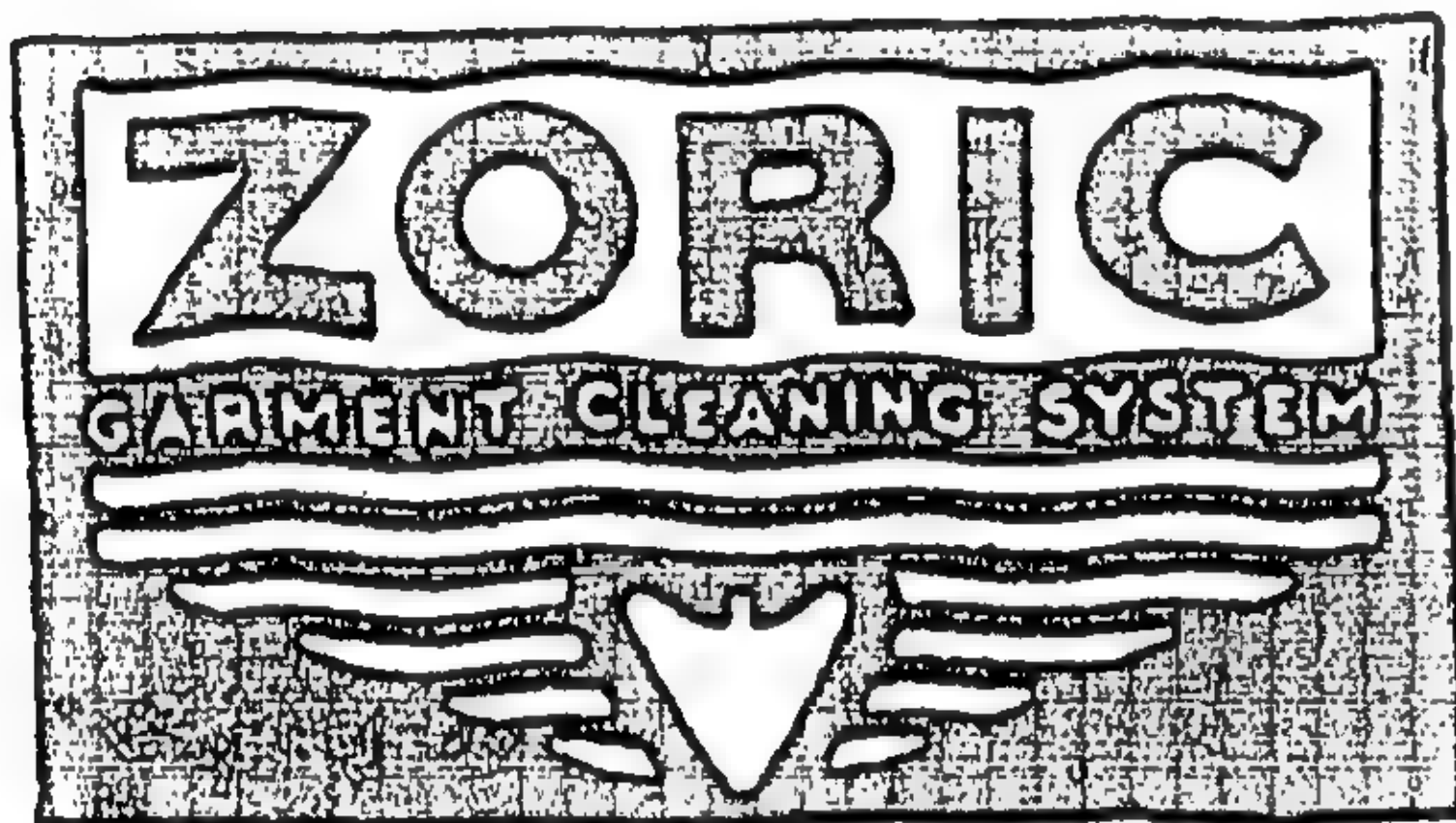
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PO LEUNG KUK COMMITTEE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, to-day received the Committee of the Po Leung Kuk at Government House, when the Report of the Kuk on the work of the year 1940-41 was presented by the Chairman, Mr. T. F. Lo.

Addressing the Committee afterwards, H.E. said:

The report is so modestly phrased that it tends to conceal the really valuable work which has been done under the inspiration of Mr. Lo's zeal and the earnest interest of the Committee under him during the last year.

The year 1940-41 has been a year of important progress for the Po Leung Kuk and I warmly congratulate those who have been administering the Kuk on that. In the first place, there has been the munificent donation by Mr. J. E. Joseph for the greatly needed new wing. I believe, that when that wing is finished the Kuk, for the first time for some years, will be able to say that it has sufficient accommodation for its needs. How these needs have grown you know only too well, as in the last year you have averaged from 250 children and at the maximum have very nearly reached 400. Mr. Joseph was thanked by His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Chief Justice, in suitable terms for his great generosity, on the occasion when the foundation stone of the new wing was laid, an occasion on which I much regret being absent owing to physical disability, but I take this opportunity of adding an expression of my gratitude as Governor to Mr. Joseph for the fine thing that he has done for the oppressed girl children of Hong Kong and the neighbouring districts. Nor am I forgetful of the fact that the contractors were so liberally-minded as to carry out the work without profit to themselves. That is in the true spirit of charity.

New Industries

I was very much interested to hear of the new industries which the out-going Committee have been able to start for the inmates of the Kuk, and I was made very happy by hearing of the establishment of the kindergarten and the children's nursing ward which have come into being during the last twelve months. They have been, I know, already a great boon to the Kuk and will continue to be so.

Lastly, on the point of finance, it is very greatly to the credit of the out-going Committee that during such difficult times as we have been passing through, and which are still hampering us in every way, they have been able to raise funds and husband the resources of the Kuk to such an extent. That was a most creditable economic feat and could only have been accomplished by intensive devotion to the Kuk's interests.

New Chairman

The incoming Committee is fortunate in having a very able chairman in Dr. S. N. Chau, and I feel sure that his energy will in no way fall short of that so consistently displayed by Mr. Lo Tong-fan. The new Committee faces a very difficult task but I feel quite confident, as do my advisers, that they will carry it through with eminent success. I wish them that success with all my heart.

I am very grateful both to Mr. T. F. Lo and Dr. S. N. Chau for the kind regrets which they have expressed at my impending departure, and I thank them for their good wishes and their prayers.

My wife, who would much have liked to have been present to-day, and I will never forget the admirable charity and loving work which the committee of the Po Leung Kuk whom we have known have poured upon the unfortunate children under their charge. The happiness which can always be seen on the faces of the children there is not only a sign that those Committees have succeeded in their task, but is also a reward to them for their labours.

I thank both the old and the new Committee for their public spirit in undertaking the honourable but onerous duty of administering the Po Leung Kuk and I repeat again my hearty good wishes for the continued success of this Friend of Children.

BRAVERY IN TWO WARS

Capt. Thomas Victor Somerville, R.A.M.C., who, as reported has been awarded the D.S.O. for bravery in attending wounded at the Battle of Sidi Barrani, Egypt, in December, won the M.C. and bar in the last war.

In January, 1916, he crossed the Yser canal in Belgium under heavy fire to help some wounded men. For this he was awarded the M.C.

Later he was awarded a bar for attending to wounded in the firing line who could not be brought back to his post, and staying there until all troops had been withdrawn. He was subsequently wounded.

Dr. Somerville also has the Mons Star and other 1914-18 medals. After the Armistice he went to Murmansk, Russia, with the British forces, and received official recognition for his services there.

He gave up his practice at the outbreak of war and rejoined the Army at the age of 51. He was attached to a cavalry regiment now converted to a light tank unit, and went to the Middle East last September.

CITY GETS DAM FREE

A beaver colony has provided the town of Salmon with a dam and saved citizens the cost of building it.

Five beavers were transplanted to Jesse Creek by the Idaho Fish and Game Department in the fall of 1939.

Watermaster Virgil Harris said the animals moved downstream to within 100 feet of a site selected by reclamation engineers for a dam.

"The flow of water has been so stabilised," Mr. Harris said, "that although last year was extremely dry, the Jesse Creek drainage provided sufficient water for the growing city of Salmon and a supplemental water supply was unnecessary."

DOPE GANG SMASHED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A HEROIN SMUGGLING GANG WAS SMASHED BY THE POLICE IN SHANGHAI WITH THE ARREST OF SEVEN KOREANS AND A CHINESE IN THEIR 'HIDE-OUT'. SIXTY-EIGHT SACKS OF HEROIN WERE SEIZED.

It was revealed in court that the gang had been engaged in wide-scale smuggling in Shanghai for several months.—International News Service.

NEW AUSTRALIAN MINISTER

Sir Harold Egleston, nominated Australian Minister to China, is expected to arrive in the Far East at the beginning of August.

GERMAN RUPTURE RUMOUR

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The State Department in Washington declared yesterday it had no information concerning London and Stockholm reports that Germany would sever relations with the United States.—International News Service.

PEERS CRITICISE M.O.I.

The Ministry of Information was criticised during a debate in the House of Lords yesterday, when some Peers urged that all propaganda be in the charge of one Minister with a seat in the War Cabinet.

Lord Davies declared the time had come for a vigorous offensive along the whole diplomatic front.

Britain should stimulate unrest and disappointment among the 77 million Germans who were not officially members of the Nazi Party.

The Secretary for Colonies, Lord Moyne, replying, reiterated Government's policy to release as much news as was consistent with safety.

Experience had shown that telling everything would sacrifice thousands of lives and impede the war effort.

It was better to face complaints than to risk human lives.

New arrangements, aimed at eliminating unnecessary delays, would be introduced.—Reuter.

DEAN WILSON'S RETURN

THE VERY REV. J. L. WILSON, BISHOP-DESIGNATE OF SINGAPORE, AND MRS. WILSON ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG THIS WEEK-END.

Dean Wilson is to be Consecrated Bishop at St. John's Cathedral on St. Mary Magdalene's Day, Tuesday, July 22, at 5.30 p.m.

It is not known how long the Wilsons will remain in the Colony, but it is expected that they will proceed to their new work in Singapore as soon as they have closed their affairs here.

Mrs. Wilson has been residing in Australia since the evacuation, but it is understood that the family will now be reunited at the Bishop's House in Singapore.

JAPANESE APPROACH

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DISCLOSED YESTERDAY IT HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING REPORTED DELAYS IN CLEARING JAPANESE SHIPS FROM EASTERN SEABOARD PORTS AND THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL.

Embassy officials stated the representations did not constitute a protest but sought the State Department's efforts to expedite sailings.—Reuter.



MARSHAL PETAIN

We are publishing this week a series of articles on Marshal Petain by Henry Bernstein. The original picture of the marshal spread by his supporters was that of the old "hero of Verdun," convinced that further resistance would be catastrophic, fearful that Britain was about to fall, stepping into the awful chaos of defeat to save what was possible, hold the fragments together and with skill and firmness restore the spirit of the French nation.

M. Bernstein's picture is a very different one. It is that of a man who was in fact no "hero of Verdun"; whose defeatism was apparent as long ago as 1918; who did nothing, despite his high military position, to maintain and prepare the French Army through the post-war years; who was deeply involved with the domestic enemies of the French democracy and passive, if not friendly, toward the external menace of German Nazism; a man, with a large share of responsibility for the national weakness he now blames on others, who in the final days slipped, with his defeatism, into high place and there used his influence to complete the paralysis and hand over France to slavery in order to earn power and position for himself from the German master.

It is a powerful indictment. Much of it is documented. Much of it is corroborated from other sources. There is, for example, the article in "Foreign Affairs" by Pierre Cot, the man whom Vichy has tried to blacken as the incompetent radical responsible for French air weakness, revealing for the first time the two plans for large-scale expansion of the air force which his ministry prepared in 1937 but which were unanimously rejected by the high military committee, including Petain, Gamelin and Darlan. And much of the indictment has been corroborated by events — by the earnestness with which Vichy set itself from the beginning to root out every centre of resistance, to confuse and destroy every true French hope and to punish every sympathy with Gen. de Gaulle or Britain, by "collaboration" in all its multiple forms, by the events in Tunis and in Syria.

No such indictment, of course, can stand as the final word on anything so



THE HARBINGERS

The Spirit Of France

This is the fifth of a series of articles by the distinguished French dramatist, Henry Bernstein, exiled by the Vichy government.

France was destroyed because her spirit was destroyed. Without injustice, I can say that Marshal Petain was the symbol of what we call defeatism. A man of vast ambitions, yet the apostle of inaction, a French marshal without faith in France, he taught Frenchmen to lose faith in themselves and in their cause.

Although his popularity in the country at large was limited, he was the idol of the anti-Republican officers and soldiers. Little by little they were won over to the marshal's idea that "The Republic was a rotten regime for which there was no sense in risking their lives."

Pétainism is one of the names for the malady which beset France. Petain represented safety to those who did not want to fight; he represented peace, order, the end of the struggle with

Germany to a class of people with anti-Republican sympathies. But while Petain, uncommunicative and mysterious, waited in the background, content to let his name be used for strange purposes, Laval was busy.

In 1936, shortly before the Popular Front elections—the combined forces of the Communists, the Socialists, and the Radical-Socialists—I had a series of talks with prominent politicians about what was happening in France. I saw Leon Blum, who was certain that the Popular Front would be successful but, who none the less, appeared to be somewhat uneasy. I saw Herriot, who told me that Communism in France was not dangerous but that the insidious growth of Socialism was more to be feared. He was alarmed lest his own party, the Radical-

By Henry Bernstein

Socialists, would be left holding the bag. I saw Mandel, who was mistaken, and assured me that the Popular Front would not triumph. I saw Reynaud. He too was mistaken. He predicted that strikes would bring about civil war in less than a year, which in turn would lead to a German invasion.

Finally, I saw Laval. For a year there had been rumours in France that Laval and Petain would seize power—Vichy five or six years sooner. "There won't be any elections," Laval's friends declared knowingly. Instead, there was to be a Cabinet of Public Safety, headed by Marshal Petain. Six months before, the rumours had ceased abruptly. The Laval Cabinet unexpectedly resigned, and both Laval and Marshal Petain refused to be members of the Sarraut Cabinet which succeeded it—the Cabinet which had to face the entrance of the German troops into the Rhineland.

When I talked to Laval, in his modest little office on the Champs-Élysées, the Rhineland invasion was an accomplished fact. I told him I was shocked by the occupation of the Rhineland, and particularly by the non-resistance of the French. To my surprise, Laval told me frankly that he believed the Sarraut Cabinet had done the right thing in not resisting the movement of the German troops. It was necessary, in his opinion, to live on good terms with the Nazis, at all costs. Their

power, he said, was going to become invincible. (And yet, at that time France had an immense army, and Germany had practically none.)

Laval went on to tell me of an interview which he had had at Cracovia, the year before, with Goering. He was returning from Russia, where he had signed the Franco-Russian pact, and he had stopped at Warsaw to attend the funeral of Marshal Pilsudski. Goering, he said, told him that an active Franco-Russian policy would immediately lead to war. With the same frankness, Laval said, "I have done everything I could to talk with the Germans, but they maintain absolute reserve. They are impenetrable."

How, I asked, could he hope to maintain political relations with neighbours who did not state their intentions? He shook his head and repeated that France "could not afford" a war with Germany.

At Warsaw, M. Laval had met Marshal Petain, who had also been sent by the government to represent it at the funeral of Marshal Pilsudski. The two men had attended the funeral services side by side and had returned to Paris together. What did they discuss that night?

On the future of French politics Laval was more far-seeing than any of the men with whom I had talked. He told me that the Blum Cabinet would carry out its programme too quickly, that the Popular Front would become an unpopular front, and that it would soon dissolve. Then more conservative hands would take power and would retain the essential reforms of the Blum Cabinet.

In the course of our conversation, Laval spoke of England without hostility, but with reserve. The English attitude in regard to sanctions had not been "clear." Certainly, Mussolini had been led to believe that England and France would not interfere with his activities in North Africa until Anthony Eden had been sent from London to set him right. Laval was "hated" in England, where he was openly called a traitor by some of the Cabinet ministers, and he knew it.

For some months after the Popular Front elections there was no further talk of a Petain-Laval coup. Then came rumours of a gigantic conspiracy, the affair of the "Cagoullards." In July, 1937, the Rosselli brothers were assassinated, their bodies found in a forest near Bagnoles-de-l'Orne, one of them was a professor who had come from Italy, the other a resident of France, known to be an anti-Fascist.

On September 11, of the same year, two buildings near the Arc de Triomphe were demolished by explosions. One was the headquarters of the General Federa-

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Germans Thrown Back Across Dnieper River

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE GERMAN AND RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE ON THE GREAT BATTLE RAGING FROM PSKOV TO BESSARABIA CONTINUE IN FLAT CONTRADICTION EACH OF THE OTHER, THE SIGNIFICANT ADMISSION IS MADE IN THE LATEST NAZI VERSION OF DEVELOPMENTS THAT THE RED ARMY HAS STAGED VIOLENT COUNTER-OFFENSIVES.

Until yesterday, the Boche had not varied his grandiose claims of triumph, with the whole of his gigantic operation proceeding smoothly and remorselessly "according to plan."

Last night's High Command communique, however, referred to a fierce three-day Russian counter-attack in the Ukraine, and admitted that Red Shock troops drove a wedge between Zhitomir and Berdivitch, 75 miles to the south-west of Kiev, while, inevitably, insisting that the counter-attacks had been smashed and the troops badly handled.

The Germans also admit a second offensive by "Red Army reserves" in the Dnieper-Dvina sector (which according to earlier claims was long ago overrun) and say that heavy losses were inflicted, without in this instance asserting that the counter-attack failed in its objective.

Simultaneously with these admissions that the Russians are hitting back, the Germans report "continuous progress along the entire Eastern front."

Moscow, on the other hand, in an official High Command communique, announces that the Red Army have scored important successes in a large-scale counter-offensive on the central sector, where the German armies have been thrown back across the River Dnieper, with the Russians following up the retreat in close contact.

Huge battles, says the Russian High Command, are still raging in all the principal areas.

Crushing Defeat

The powerful German effort to break through to Leningrad has met with a crushing defeat, with their advanced elements isolated and disintegrated.

Tanks pushing forward to Kiev in the Ukraine sector have been encircled.

The third prong of the German offensive—towards Moscow—has been stemmed. On the southern wing, the Germans have been thrown back, while in the Vitebsk area, on the road to Smolensk, a further attempt to advance was unsuccessful. Butovsk, the German objective in this drive, is still in Russian hands.

Estonia Fighting

Stockholm quotes Helsinki despatches as authority for the statement that Tallinn is aflame and that the Russian defenders are preparing to depart. The report is attributed to the observations of Finn airmen. German panzers are reported to be moving along the western shores of Lake Peipus towards the north.

Berlin Radio last night stated: "Germany has no intention of concluding a separate peace with Russia. Mr. Churchill's worries are unfounded."

Stockholm Report

Another Stockholm despatch, received in London, reports that a general counter-offensive by the Soviet armies on all fronts is believed to be under preparation. This report alleges, it is not known on what authority, that Marshal Voroshilov has massed a million men in the Leningrad area, and "the Red Army is expected to strike along the front in a series of tremendous counter-attacks."—International News Service.

"Heavy Battles"

A Soviet communique says that heavy battles continued throughout yesterday in the directions of Pskov, Smolensk, Bobruisk and Novograd-Volynsk.

"During the day our air force destroyed motorised units, at-

tacked enemy aircraft on aerodromes and operated against troop concentrations on river crossings, and bombed Ploesti and transport and oil tankers at Sullna, Tulcea and Saceca. "An enemy tank battalion retreating from Rogatchev was surrounded and destroyed."

Crucial Days

Regarding the Russo-German war, a military observer in London yesterday stated that the next few days would be crucial for the Russian bold strategy of defence in depth.

German Claim

The Germans claim to have captured Tallinn and Novgorod, says a message received by the Stockholm "Aftonbladet" from Helsinki quoting a Berlin report.

The message adds that Finnish reconnaissance planes on Sunday found Tallinn ablaze and ships busy evacuating troops.—Reuter.

Russian Noon Communique

The midday Russian communique yesterday stated: "In the course of Tuesday night fighting continued in the Pskov, Porkhov, Polotsk and Vitebsk directions."

"In other directions and sectors of the front no major engagements took place and no substantial changes occurred in the position of the troops."

"In the course of the night our air force acted against enemy motorised and mechanised troops and continued the bombing of the Ploesti oilfields. Large fires broke out as a result of the bombardment." — British Wireless.

Nazi African Activity

German activity at French naval bases in Africa, insofar as is known, is confined to those on the north and north-west African coasts, said Lord Moyne replying to Lord Strabolgi, the Labour Peer, in the House of Lords yesterday.

It was concentrated in the delegation of the German Armistice

CAPTIVE'S WIFE IS BOMB VICTIM

Wife of a ship's captain who was a prisoner aboard the Nazi pocket battleship Graf Spee was among the victims of an air raid on a north-east coast town recently. Her husband is at present at sea unaware of the tragedy.

A bomb scored a direct hit on the house, killing the woman and injuring her sixteen-year-old daughter, Violet.

RED AIR RAID DOES THE JOB

The Russo-German war has greatly upset Germany's transport services in the Baltic and on the Danube.

An official of the Ministry of Economic Warfare said yesterday that the train ferry service between Sassnitz and the Swedish port of Trelleburg had been suspended.

Russian naval activity has made it probable that the Germans will try to transfer their Baltic transport to Hamburg and Bremen, and possibly to the Dutch port of Delfzijl.

The port of Constanza has been put out of action, upsetting traffic from Rumania through the Dardanelles, and the Germans are forced to ship goods from the Bulgarian port of Burgas and thence through the Dardanelles or else by rail to Salonika.

The closing to Germany of the trans-Siberian railway is one of the most important factors in this new phase of the war.—Reuter.

STANLEY HOUSE ROBBED

Mr. H. T. Barma, of No. 3, Bungalow, Stanley Beach Road, has reported that his bungalow was entered early yesterday morning, and articles to the value of \$48 stolen.

Commission, whose activities, there was no doubt, were as widely extended as they could induce the French authorities to allow.

Government had no knowledge that there was a delegation of the Armistice Commission at Dakar and had no evidence that enemy submarines were using any French African base.—Reuter.

ESCORT GIRL'S CHARGE AGAINST YOUNG MAN

ACCUSED OF DEMANDING \$2 from an escort girl and of assaulting her in a hotel on Tuesday, Chu Hung-bun, 25, appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

According to the prosecution, conducted by Sub-Inspector Baysting, accused made the acquaintance of the girl, Chan Ying-pin, who was aged 20, in February last, when she was working in Yu Lok Escort Bureau.

Three months later, she joined the Tung Fong Bureau and accused followed her continuously and consistently. Between February and April, accused, it was alleged, received various sums amounting to \$40 from the girl and threatened to kill her if he was refused.

The girl was scared and went to Stanley, living with a friend for a month for the purpose of shaking him off. She then joined the Hop Chung Bureau but, after a few days, was trapped by accused, who, it was alleged, made several demands.

At 2 p.m. on July 4, she reported to the police, who instructed her to trap accused with marked bank-notes. However, accused made no appearance until last Tuesday when she was summoned by telephone to the Kum Tai Hotel, in Nathan Road.

Hotel Incident

In the hotel, accused was alleged to have demanded \$2 and, as she refused, slapped her. She ran out of the room but, on the staircase, her right hand was caught by the hooks of a water pipe. Accused, it was alleged, dragged out her while she was caught by the pipe and, as a result, her hand was torn. She was admitted to hospital.

Accused and he assaulted the girl because she went out with other men. He denied that he dragged at her while she was caught on the water pipe. He took her to hospital in a taxi and later accompanied her to the police station, where he was surprised when the girl made the allegation against him of having demanded \$2. Accused denied that he made the demand.

The case was adjourned until 11.30 a.m. next Monday.

PIRACY OF PETROL JUNK

A piracy in British waters on Sunday was reported to the police by Mak Chi-ai, master of trading junk, No. T4683H, on his arrival yesterday.

According to Mak, his junk was boarded at 9 p.m. on Sunday while anchored at Cha Ku Ling. Seven armed robbers, from two sampans and a sailing boat, sailed with the junk until the following day when he and his crew were put ashore on an island near the Nine Pins Group.

Some 1,650 tins of petrol, valued at \$15,000, were in the junk. The master and his folks were brought to Hong Kong by a passing junk.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE SAYS IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT AN ENEMY FIGHTER WAS DESTROYED BY ONE OF THE BRITISH BOMBERS OVER GERMANY ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

A single Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked an enemy supply ship of 3,500 tons off the north-west coast of France yesterday morning.

A salvo of bombs was dropped and hits were seen on the stern of the ship.—Reuters.

HOUSING OF CHUNGKING EMBASSIES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] WITH CANBERRA'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT TO THE CHINESE NOMINATION OF MR. HSU MO, VICE-MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR NINE YEARS, AS FIRST CHINESE MINISTER TO AUSTRALIA, THE WAICHIAO-PU IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF MR. HSU MO'S APPOINTMENT AS WELL AS ITS AGREEMENT TO THE NOMINATION OF THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN MINISTER TO CHUNGKING.

Mr. Hsu Mo is to be succeeded by Mr. Chien Tai, former Ambassador in Brussels, who left Geneva on Tuesday for Lisbon and who will travel via America to Chungking with General Chen Chieh, Ambassador in Berlin, who has also been recalled.

It is expected that the German Embassy premises, on the south bank opposite Chungking, will be taken over by the Australian Legation, while the Italian Embassy premises, which are directly below the U.S. Embassy, will be taken over by the latter which is crammed owing to the destruction of the U.S. Military Attache's offices.—International News Service.

UNDERWORLD HITS BACK

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] THE SHANGHAI UNDERWORLD YESTERDAY REVENGED ITSELF ON VALENTINE SIMIAGIN, RUSSIAN SERGEANT IN THE SETTLEMENT POLICE, FOR HIS EFFICIENT SEARCHES AND ARRESTS, BY FELLING HIM WITH A FATAL BULLET IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD WHILE HE WAS ON PATROL DUTY.

The Chinese assailant escaped on a bicycle.

Simiagin, who died before reaching hospital, in survived by a brother, also in the police, and a pretty sister who works as a waitress in a popular cafe.—International News Service.

URGENT WAR NEEDS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] THE FURTHER JOURNEY TO BRITAIN OF MR. HARRY HOPKINS, CO-ORDINATOR OF AMERICAN AID TO BRITAIN, IS CONNECTED WITH URGENT BRITISH WAR NEEDS, IT IS REVEALED.

Mr. Hopkins is already en route after efforts to keep the journey secret.

He will keep the President dated up on the British position in the light of the Russo-German war.—International News Service.

CAUGHT ON ROOF

Sentence of eight months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. G. T. Lowry on Tsau Yim, 38, coolie, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for snatching \$700 in Chinese currency from an amah in Peel Street yesterday.

A street hawker who saw the incident, gave chase and arrested defendant on the roof of a house at Peel Street.

The hawker was rewarded by the Police. Accused had two previous convictions.

GERMAN EMIGRE'S SUICIDE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Richard Steiner, 71-year-old German emigre, hanged himself in Shanghai last evening because he lost US\$200. Relatives explained Steiner was collecting the money to leave for the United States.—International News Service.

R.A.F. Pays Call

An Air Ministry communique states several squadrons of Blenheim bombers attacked enemy shipping in the docks at Rotterdam yesterday afternoon.

Direct hits were made on many ships, including one of over 15,000 tons.

Warehouses and stores were heavily damaged.

Four British bombers are missing. Two of these were actually seen to bomb their targets.—Reuters.

THRILLING TASMAN FLIGHT

A record for the flight across the Tasman Sea from New Zealand to Sydney, Australia, was recently established.

The time was 7 hours 48 minutes—and the last 100 miles was done with one of the four engines out of action. Pilot was Capt. J. W. Burgess who established the earlier record of 7 hours 51 minutes last October.

When a cylinder head blew off the starboard outboard motor the crew of the Tasman Empire flying boat prepared to make a forced landing. Advised of the mishap, Rose Bay, Sydney base raised a rescue crew and plans were made for the rescue plane to alight alongside the disabled machine to enable passengers, freight, and mails to be transferred. But when Pilot Burgess found his machine was maintaining speed he decided to go on.

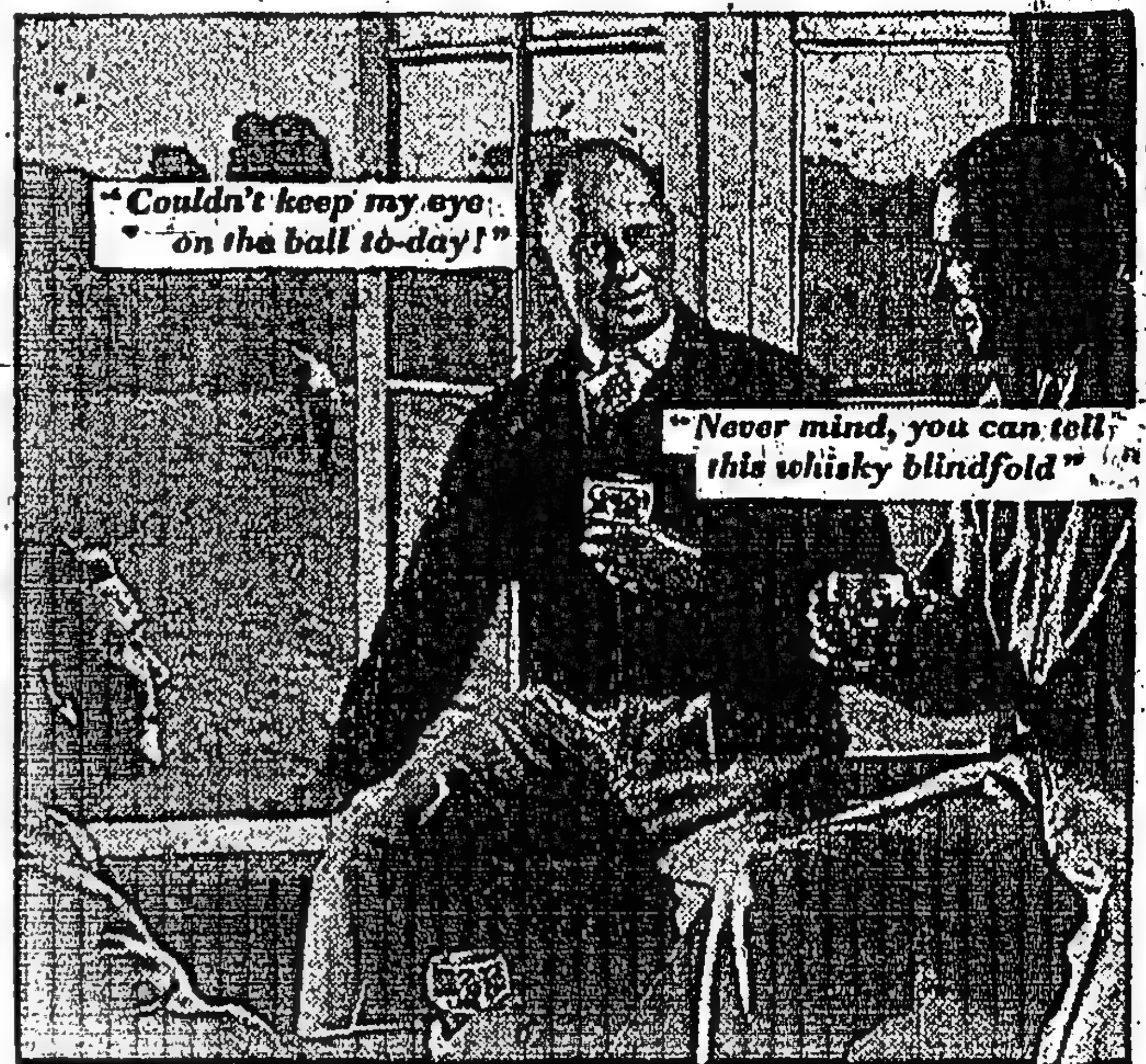
The 12 passengers were unaware of the prospect of landing in the Tasman. "We all heard the engine go; there was a bang which could be heard above the roar of the motors," stated A. W. Coles, Federal Member of Parliament, who was a passenger.

"We saw that one engine was gone but we were told the machine could fly comfortably on three. Nobody worried any more. We were only 30 minutes from port and the excitement of nearing home left no time for worry about the engine."

CODREANU BROTHER SHOT DEAD

ZELON CODREANU, BROTHER OF THE CHIEF OF THE PROHIBITED-RUMANIAN IRON GUARD, WAS SHOT DEAD IN BUCHAREST ON SUNDAY, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE PUBLISHED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY FROM THE RUMANIAN CAPITAL.

The official account says the affair occurred in a park where a quarrel broke out among a crowd. The policeman who shot Codreanu has been arrested.—Reuters.



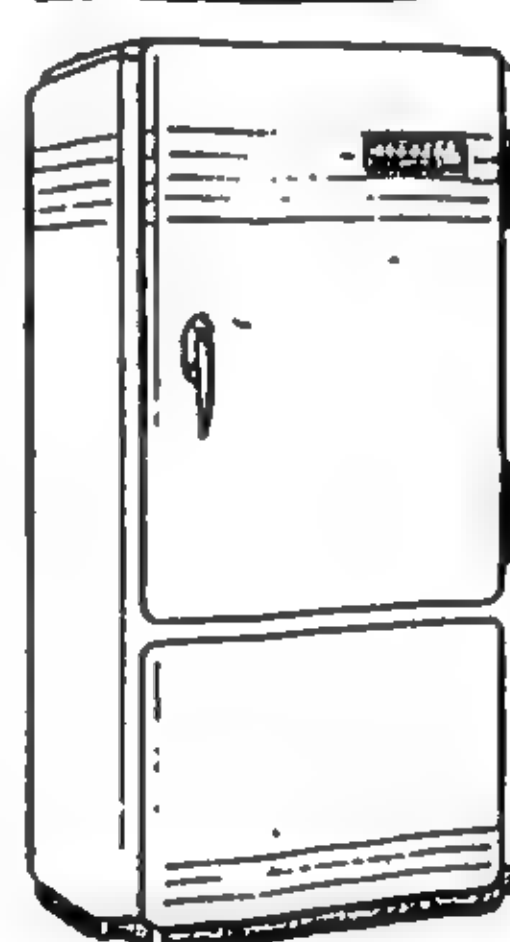
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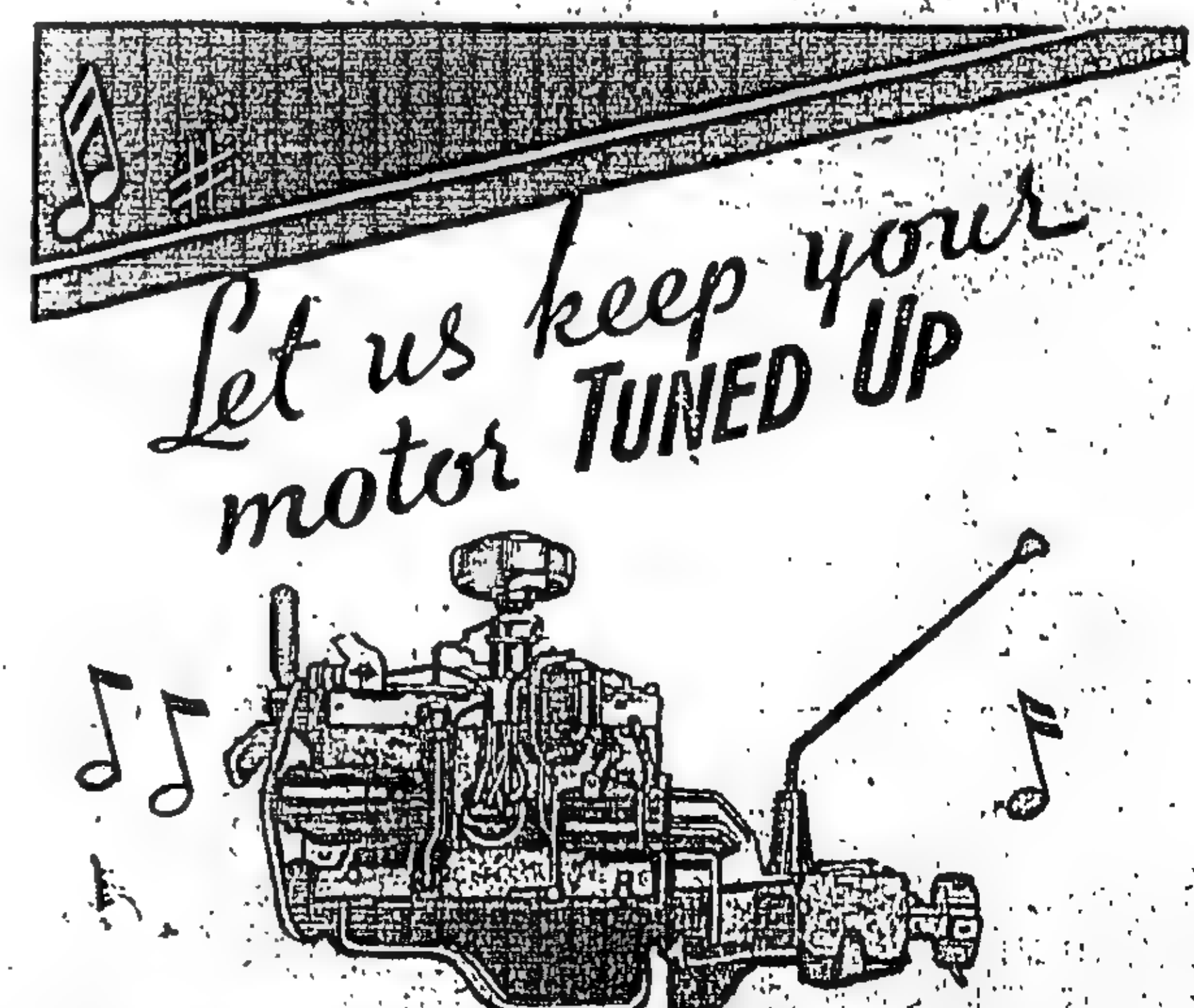
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MAKE 'EM SWEAT

By The Four Aces

The other day we heard an expert giving some very sound advice to his partner, after that worthy had failed to make a game contract. "If you want to be a winning player," summed up the expert, "put the pressure on the enemy. Make 'em sweat!" Here was the hand that occasioned the lecture:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q 10 5
♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 10 6 3
♣ K J 5

WEST

♠ J 7 4
♥ J 9 7 3 2
♦ 8 5
♣ A 9 4

EAST

♠ K 9 3 2
♥ K 8 5
♦ 7 2
♣ Q 10 6 2

SOUTH

♠ A 8 6
♥ A Q 4
♦ A K 9 4
♣ 8 7 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led a low heart. East played the King, and South took the heart Ace. Declarer immediately led a low club and finessed dummy's Jack. East won with the club Queen and returned a heart. South took the heart Queen and ran the diamonds, but West discarded a club and two spades and South failed to guess the spade situation. Eventually South lost another club trick and three hearts, down one trick at the three-no-trump contract.

The hand depended on a guess in one of the two black suits; but, as North pointed out, there was no need for South to make an out-and-out guess when he could put the pressure on the opponents and take the guess after noting their reaction. The hand is a very common "type," and its correct play should be noted by all who take their game seriously.

South's best chance, after winning the heart trick, consists in running the five diamonds at once. South need make only one discard—the low heart or a low club—and the opponents have to make six discards between them. Certainly South would be in a better position to guess after having noted these discards than he was before the discards were made. Nine times out of ten, indeed, the opponents tell you just what you want to know when you make them choose a number of discards. Remember the advice: Make 'em sweat!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Malor
1♠	Pass	(?)	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Your hand is too strong to pass, and the most logical response is a raise in spades. Score 100% for two spades, 20% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 770

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ A 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	You	Malor
1♠	Pass	(?)	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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THE SPIRIT OF FRANCE

(Continued from Page 7)

tion of French Employers, the other the headquarters of the Union of Metallurgical Enterprises—two associations of employers.

An attempt was made to accuse the Communists, but the government had in its possession several reports from the police hinting at a vast conspiracy to foment civil war, with stores of arms hidden at strategic points, and a large disaffected group in the army—the purpose being to put Marshal Petain in power and establish a monarchy.

A couple of months later, Pierre Michelin, the great industrialist of Clermont-Ferrand (where Pierre Laval has his chateau and his newspaper), figured in an automobile accident in which his wife was killed. On investigation, curious documents were found in the car which indicated that Pierre Michelin was affiliated with a secret society with ramifications in the army and in political circles, and possessing large stores of arms.

The government began an investigation. Great quantities of machine-guns, cannon, munitions, even a blockhouse, were discovered, hidden under garages, in country homes, in harness-looking shops.

Strange facts were brought to light. The investigation revealed that two organizations were preparing for an armed uprising. One was the UCAD (Union of Committees of Defensive Action), and the other the CSAR (Secret Committee of Revolutionary Action).

From confessions obtained it appeared that the bombing of the two buildings had been done by provocative agents of the CSAR, and that the bombs had been manufactured by an engineer of the Michelin factories, named Locuty. The two employees' organizations and their employees had certainly been warned, for, at the time of the explosions, by a mysterious coincidence, none of the usual occupants was in the buildings.

The murder of the Rosselli brothers was put to the account of agents for the UCAD. Finally it was discovered that most of the armaments came from Italy, some of them being of German manufacture. Groups of men belonging to the CSAR and the UCAD were discovered in the army, the head of the UCAD being Col. Loustaneau Lacan, who was attached to the Second Bureau, in charge of information concerning Germany. Col. Lacan, formerly Marshal Petain's aide, and attached to the Cabinet when Petain was Minister of War under Doumergue, was merely asked to resign. When he was at liberty he started an anti-Communist newspaper under the name of "Navarre." One day a truck filled with copies of this anti-Communist paper was stopped at the Belgian frontier. The paper was being printed in Germany.

"It is true," admitted the members of the CSAR and the UCAD, "that we had a secret society. It was merely to protect us from Communism, as we knew the Communists were going to seize the government."

The ramifications of the affair were far-reaching. An extraordinary number of financiers and industrialists appear to have furnished funds. Many conservative politicians, and even some of the moderates, were involved. The only conservative politicians to denounce the plot holly were Reynaud and Mandel—Reynaud and Mandel were the heads of the anti-German party in France.

The influence of the conspirators involved in the affair was so potent that the investigation was quietly lost sight of. Most of the men who had been arrested were set free some of them having spent two years in prison. While the affair was at its height, a pamphlet appeared entitled: "Petain is the Man We Need." It was the work of Gustave Herve, ex-anarchist, ex-revolutionist, who, since his return to civilian status, had led a pleasantly cushioned life, editing a reactionary newspaper, "La Victoire," which—at vast expense to some one—was distributed free, by the thousands of copies. "La Victoire's" programme was a steady campaign for a government under the authority of Petain.

Marshal Petain, whose name was the rallying point of the conspiracy, continued to remain in the background. He declared emphatically that he had not been consulted in the affair of the Cagoullards. His sustained friendship with its ring-leaders up to the present time is doubtless

mere coincidence. For we learn curious things about their subsequent relations with the marshal. After the armistice Col. Loustaneau Lacan was placed by Marshal Petain at the head of the famous state organisation, the Legionaries, which replaced the organisation of French War Veterans. He is still there, Charles Deloncle, head of the CSAR, arrested as one of the leading conspirators of the Cagoullards affair, was with Marshal Petain at Vichy and is now a member of the Committee of Popular Assemblage with Laval; he is officially in charge of propaganda for collaboration with Germany.

The majority of the notorious Cagoullards are to-day among the marshal's followers at Vichy. Some of them are with M. Pierre Laval in Paris.

LUFTWAFFE DIVERTED BY R.A.F.

One of the most interesting features of R.A.F. operations undertaken in daylight over enemy territory has been the series of sweeps, sometimes carried out twice in a day.

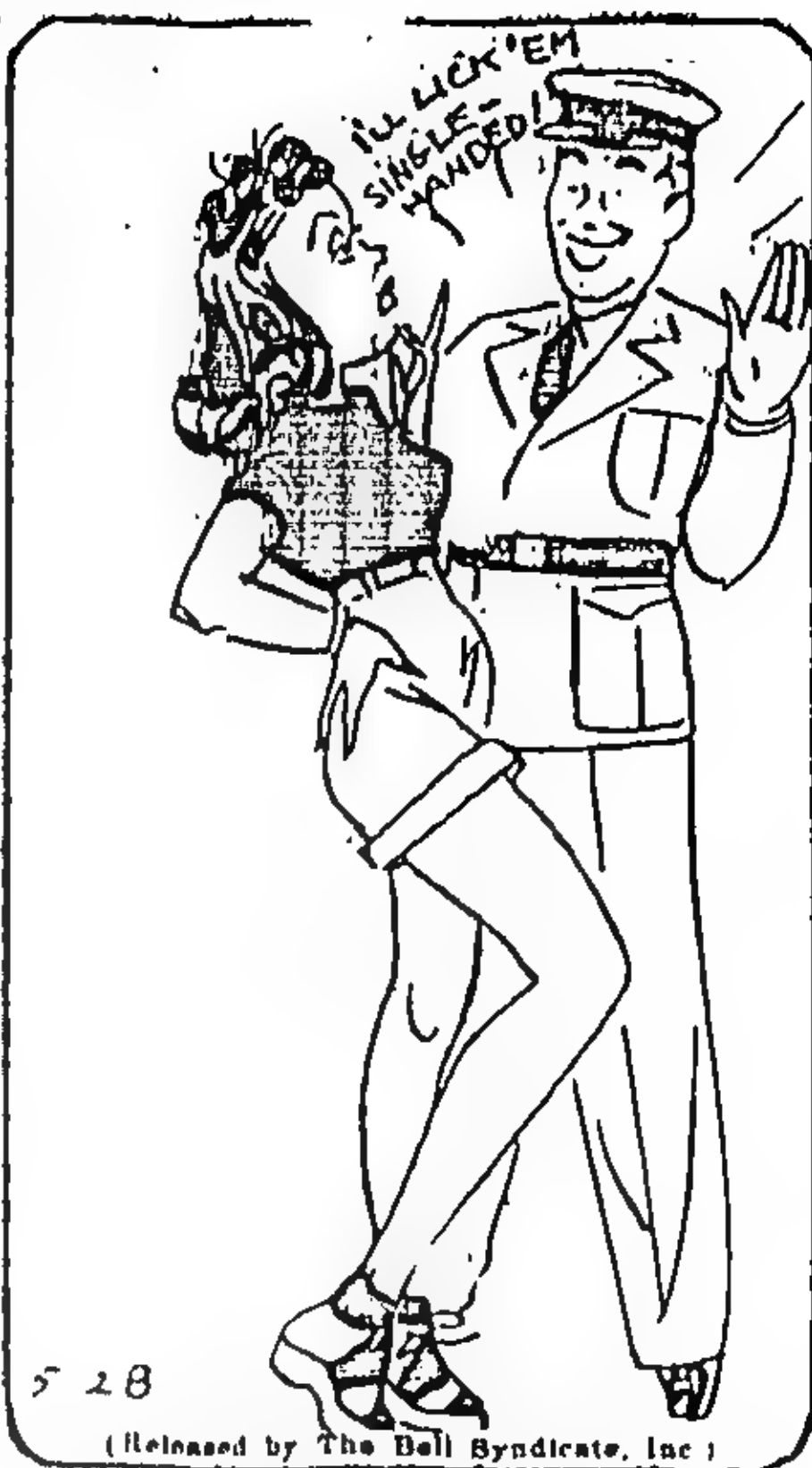
These following the fortunes of these offensive measures may have noticed that more recently there has been indication that R.A.F. fighters have encountered somewhat increased opposition. Such is in fact the case.

This is regarded as highly satisfactory evidence that one of the main purposes of these patrols is succeeding.

When Germany attacked Russia the day fighter strength on the Western Front diminished sensibly both in quantity and quality.

The fact of increased resistance and "will to fight" means that many of these fighter squadrons have returned from the Eastern Front in order to endeavour to deal with the R.A.F.'s menace.

IT IS NOT TOO MUCH TO SAY THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED NAZI FIGHTERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR USE AGAINST THE RUSSIANS WERE IT NOT FOR THESE SWEEPS CARRIED OUT BY THE R.A.F.—BRITISH WIRELESS.



The confirmed optimist is the one who thinks no worldly problem beyond his grasp.

LEAVE TO APPEAL REFUSED

AN APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL AGAINST HIS CONVICTION AND SENTENCE OF FOUR YEARS' HARD LABOUR WAS BROUGHT BY DOST MOHAMMED, INDIAN GUARD. THIS MORNING, IN THE FULL COURT, COMPRISING MR. JUSTICE P. E. F. CRESSALL AND MR. JUSTICE J. A. FRASER

Mohammed, was charged at the May Criminal Sessions with the murder of Kwok Man, hawker, in Canton in May last year, but was found guilty of manslaughter.

Mr. H. W. Lee, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, was for Mohammed and Mr. E. H. Williams was for the Crown.

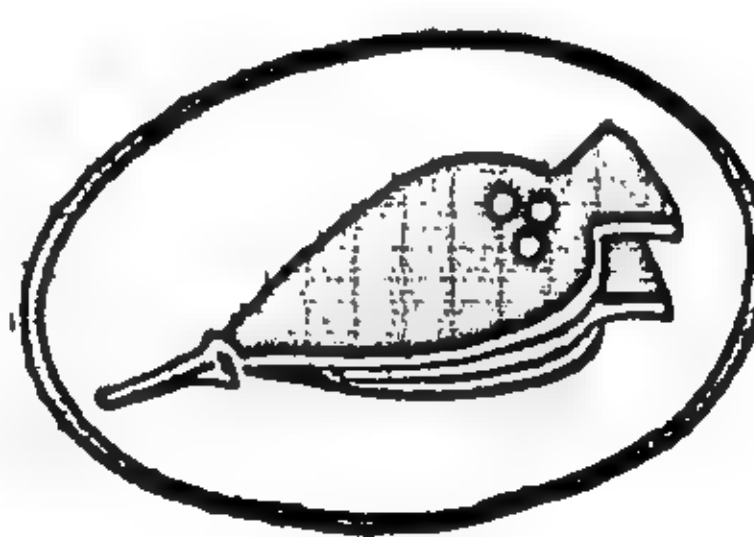
Mr. Lee said the grounds of appeal were that the verdict was against the weight of the evidence and that the Trial Judge had failed to direct the Jury on the question of manslaughter.

The application was refused.

SWEDISH MAILS DIVERTED

No mail destined for the British Empire can be sent from Sweden, according to a statement by the Swedish Post Office quoted by Stockholm radio yesterday.

This is due to the Russo-German war which has meant the diversion of Swedish outgoing mail via Germany. — Reuter.

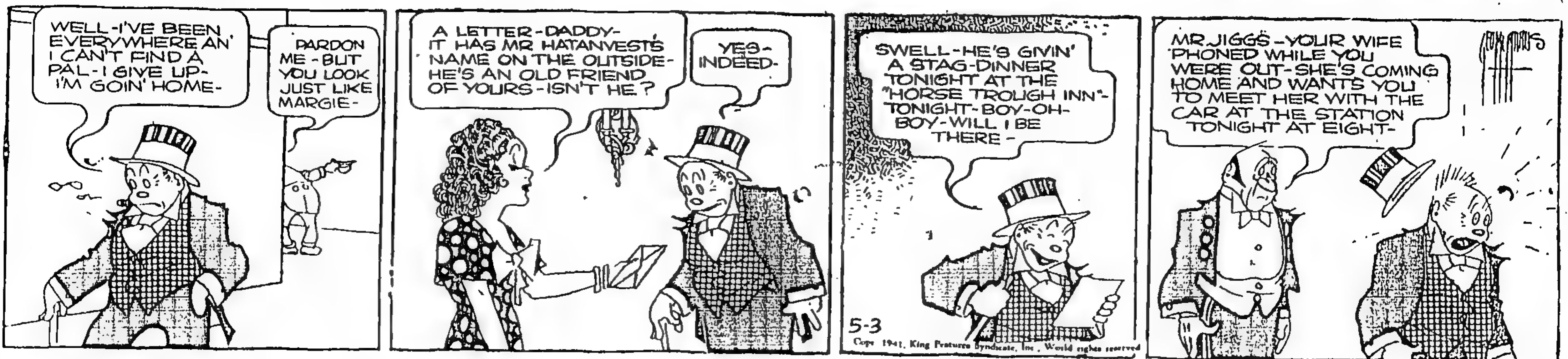


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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Facial Before Make-Up

There is nothing like a professional facial, given by skilled hands, to shake a woman out of blues. Just to loll comfortably in a chair, while nimble fingers beautify your face, is enough to restore your interest in life!

You may have got along beautifully with home treatments but now treat yourself to an hour in a salon for a thorough skin re-conditioning, before you invest in new cosmetics (especially make-up).

Watch how the operator applies the creams and manipulates the muscles of your face. Seek her advice as to what your skin needs. A conscientious operator will not try to load you down with a lot of useless beauty aids—she will endeavour to correct dryness if your skin is dry, banish wrinkles if they are there, or teach you how to treat an excess oily condition.

The thorough cleansing, softening and bleaching which your skin gets during a good facial will bring out a skin tone which you never expected was there. It is this tone which you should match with freshly mixed powder, a becoming rouge and lipstick.

If your make-up budget is limited take time to select make-up which will harmonise with most of the colour you wear. Extreme shades are for those women who can easily afford to be faddists. I am acquainted with one beauty who buys two lipsticks, two shades of face powder and two nail polishes each season. No more. Always, the effect she creates is chic, and this is because her selection of make-up is wisely made with an eye to her wardrobe and the other eye on the success shade of the season. Naturally if you can afford to indulge in various shades, do so, for matching or contrasting



Periods of relaxation and scientific facials help greatly in keeping skin exquisitely textured and toned. Lovely ELLEN DREW takes excellent care of her skin.

make-up with what you wear has many possibilities of pleasing effects which create beauty.

About Masques

If you do not have a skin masque at home, now is a good time to invest in one. If you use it once every ten days or two weeks,

you will find your skin retaining a lovely freshness which is not possible to attain otherwise. But you must seek professional advice in choosing the masque formula. Some masques are too astringent for dry or sensitive skins, while others are too complicated to use in a home treatment.

All Eyes On Your Baby

You're keen that your baby should be perfect in every way. Of course you are.

So every now and then you like to check up to make sure that he—or she—is up to standard.

Do it to-day.

Just imagine a row of prize babies—all different ages.

Each bears a ticket saying just why it is perfect.

Find the ticket that describes the baby that is the same age as yours and then compare notes. And if your child comes up to prize standards—give yourself a pat on the back.

If yours is a new baby, don't throw away this page. Keep it to check up on him as he grows older. It's a fascinating game of which mothers never tire!

No. 1 is the six-months-old baby, and his ticket says:

Making big stride. Wants to sit up and look round at the world. Two teeth nearly through.

Weights about 15lb. Length 25in. Can have extras—half to one teaspoonful of carrot, lettuce, spinach or sprouts puree from a cup and spoon. Likes a tiny taste of egg yolk now and again.

No. 2 is the tiny one of a month old.

This says: Actually knows his mother! Has firm, pink skin. Gains 4oz. to 6oz. weekly. Sleeps all night. Kicks vigorously when awake.

Sucks strongly and well. Feeds for fifteen to twenty minutes. Gets the wind up easily afterwards. Is about ½lb. to 1lb. heavier than when born.

No. 3 is the ten-months-old baby and it reads:

Four to eight teeth. Can jump up and down. Rolls over. Crawls—just. Likes to try to feel his feet.

Weights about 19lb. Measures 28in. Has been off the breast for two months.

Takes tiny meals. Says Ta-ta, Dad-dy and Mum-mum. Needs seventeen hours sleep. Can be promoted to an evening bath.

No. 4 is the First Birthday child. Here's how it goes:

Knows a few words. Understands a heap! Is full of ideas. Clamours for bricks, cottonreels and big, coloured beads on a wire.

Soft spot is getting small. Four big back teeth about to come through. Stands well. Walks a bit.

Weights 20lb. to 22lb. Has three meals a day. Enjoys a joke. Sleeps the clock round. Considers birthdays great fun.

No. 5 is the day-old babe. Listen:

Quiet and warmth are his needs at first. Will probably lose a few ounces before he starts to gain (but that's normal).

Dislikes to be fussed or "forced" to feed. Prefers to "feel his way" at the beginning, sucking with a will when about three days old.

Weights 7lb., roughly; if of average size. Sleeps twenty-two to twenty-three hours out of the twenty-four.

No. 6 is the three-month old. It states:

Likes a rattle. Can hold up his head on his own. Needs five 5½oz. feeds in the day at six, ten, two, six and ten.

Has gained about 4lb. since birth. Has firm, pink flesh, which may be mottled. Plays with his

fingers.

Can grip quite hard. Needs fruit juice each day and little extra drinks of cool boiled water.

No. 7 is the eighteen to twenty months baby. This one says:

The soft spot has quite closed in. Baby fat giving way to more shapely muscle. Has sixteen teeth or about that number.

Runs well. Puts Teddy to bed. Does up big buttons. Not gaining quite so fast as previously. Weights 23lb. to 25lb.

Stands 30in. from the floor. Very lovable and sweet.

No. 8 is actually a double ticket, worn by twins. And it says:

Arouse interest everywhere. May be both girls or both boys as alike as two peas (or just the opposite!). Or a girl and a boy who are not identically alike in looks or in ways.

Possibly premature—slightly. Generally smaller than the average child at birth.

Can be entirely breast fed, or take it in turn to have breast one feed and bottle the next.

One's inclined to teach the other.

Result: Both generally extra forward. Great fun, the envy of all, and well worth it!

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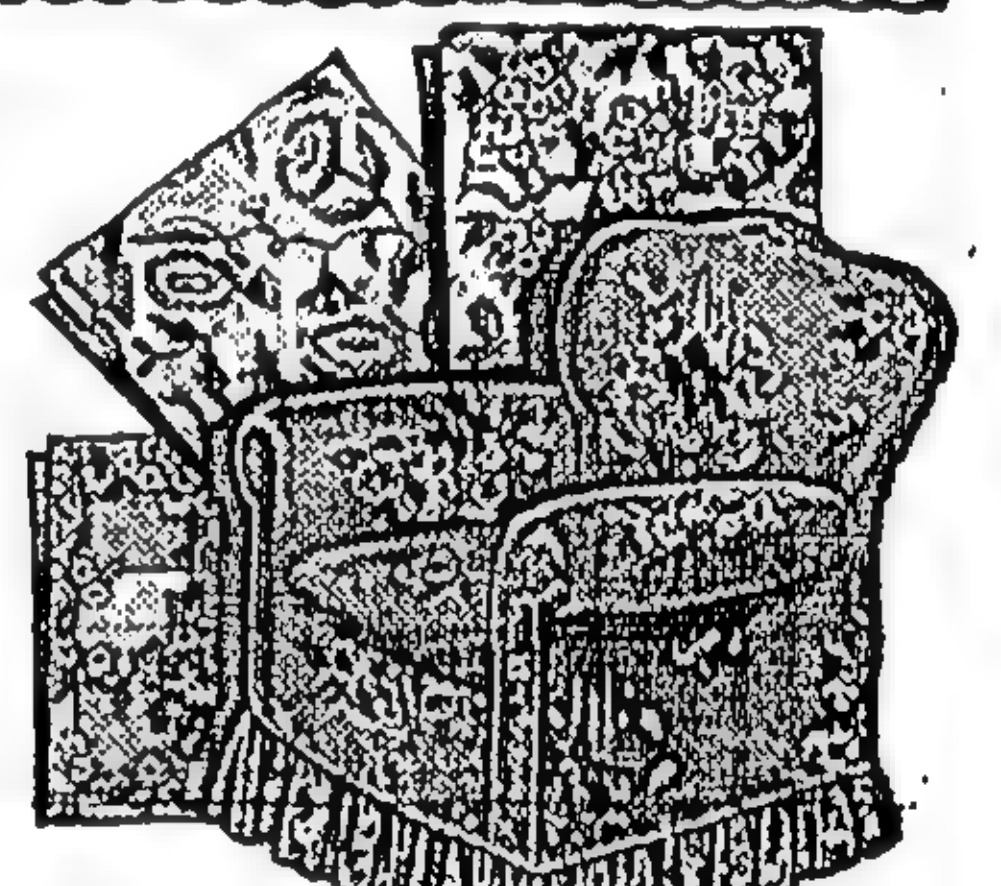
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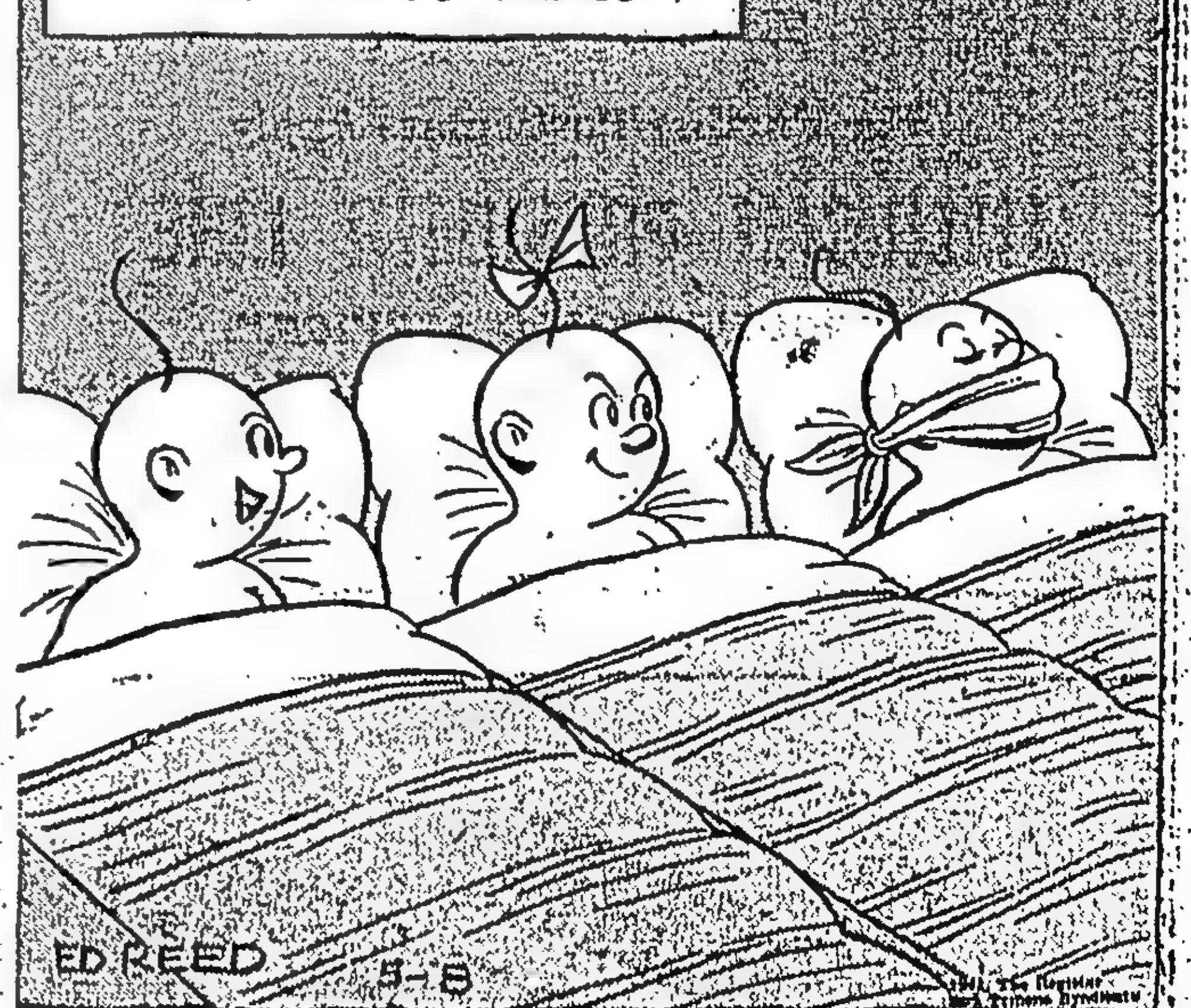
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6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Humorous and Instrumental Variety.Laughter Sketch—Our Amateur Night
The Regal Radio Party. Organ
Teddy Bears' Picnic (Bratton).
Reginald Foort. Comedy Sketch—
Sandy. The All-in Wrestler (Powell, Thompson). Sandy Powell. Hawaiian—Aloha Oe. Novelty—Granny's Old Arm-Chair. Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Orchestra. Song of The Islands. Andy Iona (Steel Guitar) with Eddie Dunstedter (Organ). Comedy—Gracie's and Sandy's Party—Gracie Fields & Sandy Powell entertain. Charlie Kunz. Reginald Dixon, Larry Adler, Joe Petersen, Jay Wilbur and Primo Scala.7.20 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots. Weep No More. My Romance. Ambrose & his Orch. Swing—Beat Me, Daddy. Fight To A Bar. Twelfth Street Rag. Hatchett's Swingletts. Fox-Trots—Drummer Boy (From "Strike Up The Band"). The Little Man Who Wasn't There. Bob Crosby & his Orchestra. Tangoes. Fragrant Flowers. Love Bells. Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Big Bad Bill. Jintown Blues. The Casa Loma Orchestra. Waltzes. Beautiful Ohio. Missouri Waltz. Glenn Miller & his Orch. All Over The Place. Arthur Young's Swingletts.8.00 p.m.—London Relay The News.
8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Light Orchestral Programme with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).
Naila Waltz (Delibes arr. Doopler). Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden. Oriental Prayer (Delibes). Bell Song (Delibes). Miliza Korjus with State Opera Orchestra. Suite De Danse—Intermezzo and Valse Melancolique (Eduard Kunneke). Otto Dobrindt and Eugen Wolff Orchestras. La Villanelle (The Swallow—Dell Acqua). Miliza Korjus & Berlin State Opera Orchestra. Serenade—Valse Espagnole (O Metra). Orchestre Ruby Goldstein.9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—John Field—Sonata in C Minor, Op. 1, No. 3.

1st Mov. Non troppo allegro ma con fuoco e con espressioni. 2nd Mov. Rondo. Allegretto scherzando. Frank Merrick (Piano).

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
9.30 p.m.—Popular Excerpts from Puccini's Operas.

"Tosca"—Selection. Marek Weber and his Orchestra. "La Boheme"—Que Cette Main Est Friode. Giuseppe Luen (Tenor) with Orch. Musetta's Waltz Song. Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra. "Manon Lescaut"—Intermezzo. Milan Symphony Orch. "Madame Butterfly"—Farewell. Oh Happy Home. Alessandro Valente (Tenor) & members of La Scala Orchestra. Milan. One Fine Day. Rosetta Panpanini (Soprano) with Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Saint-Saens. Carnival of the Animals. Introduction and March of the Lion—Hens & Cocks. Mules. Tortoises. The Elephant. Kangaroos—Aquarium. Personages with Long Ears. Cuckoo in The Woods—Birds—Fossils. The Swan—Pianists—Finale. Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Pianos: Montgomery-Barabini.

10.35 p.m.—The London Symphony Orchestra and L. Tibbett (Baritone). May Night—Overture (Rimsky Korsakov). London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates. Myself When Young (from "In A Persian Garden"—Lehmann). Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orchestra. A Night At The Proms—Intro. Carmen—Prelude to Act I (Bizet). Symphony No. 8—in B Minor—"The Unfinished" (Schubert). William Tell—Overture (Rossini). Fingal's Cave—Overture; Spring Song (Mendelssohn). Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G (Bach). London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Henry J. Wood. De Glory Road (from "Metropolitan"—Wood & Wolfe). Lawrence Tibbett with Piano.

11.00 p.m.—London—War Correspondence.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

DEEPLY IMPRESSED

THE ANGLO- RUSSIAN AGREEMENT IS WIDELY APPROVED BY TRIBESMEN ALONG THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER OF INDIA.

Although they have no sympathy for Bolshevik doctrines and principles they realise that in this war anyone who kills the Nazis is a true friend of the British.

The heavy German losses and rearsuring news from other fronts have deeply impressed tribesmen and confidence in the final defeat of Hitlerism and Fascism has been further strengthened.

Tribal chiefs received with satisfaction news of the Syrian armistice and are glad that the task undertaken by the British of thwarting Nazi designs in Syria and through Syria, on other Muslim countries, has been accomplished. —Reuter.

DESERT GUIDE CAUGHT

A fortnight after the announcement that he was awarded the Founders Medal of the Royal Geographical Society, Captain P. A. Clayton, D.S.O., was reported prisoner of war.

Captain Clayton received the medal for his surveys of the Libyan Desert and the use of his knowledge in desert warfare during recent operations.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHURCHILL

A tribute to the inspiring leadership of the British Premier and the foresight and resourcefulness of President Roosevelt, was paid by Sir Shanmu Khan Chetty, head of the Indian Purchasing Mission to America, speaking at a luncheon in Madras yesterday.

He said he would do all in his power to make the best use of the opportunity to help the war efforts in which two hemispheres were united to-day with the object of destroying the forces of evil abroad in the world. He expressed firm belief that ultimately virtue must triumph and evil be destroyed.

Referring to the Lease and Lend Act he cleared misapprehensions that he was going to lease out to America anything belonging to India.

He asserted he would have nothing to lease on his part. It was for America to lease and lend and he was hoping he would succeed in invoking the aid of that Act and in getting materials for India. —Reuter.

LOCAL SHARES

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
3½% Loan (1934) X.I. 92½ b.
BANKS
Bank of East Asia \$75 sa.
INSURANCES
Canton Ins. \$225 b.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$185 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.H.K. and K. Wharves \$80 b.
H.K. Docks \$15.80 b.
Providents \$5.90 b. \$5.95 s.
LANDS, HOTEL & BLDGS.
H.K. & S. Hotel \$3.80 s.
H.K. Lands \$35½ s.
Humphreys \$6.80 b. \$7 sa.
H.K. Realities \$3.30 b.
Chinese Estates \$101 b.PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways \$17.40 s.
China Lights (Old) \$6 sa.
H.K. Electric Ex. Rts. \$22 b.
H.K. Electric (New) \$21 b.
Macao Electric \$18.10 b.
Telephones (New) \$8.95 b.STORES, &C.
Wm. Powell \$1½ b.
LAST DAY'S SALES
10 H.K. Banks @ \$1425
10 H.K. Banks @ \$1415
20 Bank of E. Asia @ \$75
39 Docks @ \$15.70
1,000 Lights (Old) @ \$6
12 Electric Rts. @ \$11.30
50 Telephones (Old) @ \$23

FAR EAST AFFECTS STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange ruled quietly steady yesterday apart from South African and West African gold minings as well as tin and rubber shares which tended higher in response to a fair enquiry. Gilt-edged and oils were about unchanged and industrials were quiet apart from some demand for aircrafts and motors. Chinese and Japanese bonds were easier and Hong Kong Bank shares tended lower on the Japanese uncertainties, but several European loans were marked up about a point. Wall Street was quietly firm. —Reuter.

NAZI SHIP HAD NO CHANCE

Further details of the bombing of a 3,500-ton enemy ship off the French coast yesterday morning have now been given.

The ship was cleverly camouflaged and accompanied by a small escort vessel.

The pilot of the Coastal Command aircraft was in an ideal position to attack from the sun and at once went down in a dive of several thousand feet.

Towards the end of the dive and only a few hundred feet above the vessel, the pilot released his salvo and pulled out of the dive.

"The supply ship," said the pilot, "did not have a chance to fire a single shot at us although we could see a gun on her stern."

"The escort ship opened up directly she realised we were attacking and gave us everything she had. But it was too late and we were soon well on our way home." — British Wireless.

GERMANS BOMBING RED CROSS

The Union of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the U.S.S.R. have addressed the following telegram to the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva.

"The Union of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the U.S.S.R. resolutely protests against the repeated bombings of ambulance units and institutions by German troops which invaded the territory of the U.S.S.R."

"From June 22 to 28, German bombers attacked and destroyed hospitals in Grodno, Lide, Minsk and Smolensk. They also bombed an ambulance train in Lwow and many field ambulance stations, despite the clearly visible identification marks established by the Geneva convention for such institutions. Three bombardments resulted in casualties among medical staff, wounded and sick under treatment in hospitals." —Tass.

BRITAIN TO GET U.S. FOOD

THE FIRST GROUP OF FARM COMMODITIES ACQUIRED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO AID THE NATIONS FIGHTING AGGRESSION, SINCE THE LEASE AND LEND ACT, WILL SHORTLY BE AVAILABLE TO BRITAIN.

It comprises 75 thousand bales of cotton, 30 million pounds of tobacco, and 2,544 thousand bushels of corn.

Britain recently expressed a desire to secure United States cotton and tobacco to supplement declining stocks, according to Government sources.

Shipping shortages recently have restricted anything apart from concentrated food products. —Reuter.

CONSPIRACY TO STEAL ALLEGED

Pang Tim, 42, broker, and Ho So, 27, boatman, were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with conspiracy to steal a cheque for \$4,500, the property of Wong Yick-sam, of No. 23, Connaught Road West.

Accused pleaded not guilty, and were remanded 48 hours for further enquiries.

Detective Sergeant John Bentley is in charge of the case.

NOTHING TO REPORT

Yesterday's Middle East communiqué said there is no change in the situation on all fronts, says Reuter from Cairo.

TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE

FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONIES

PRESENTING CERTIFICATES and prizes to successful Second Year students at Northcote Training College this morning, Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University, congratulated students and members of the Staff alike on a very successful year's work but added that he would like to see an addition to the College in the form of a practical school where students could take classes under the supervision of special lecturers and instructors. Practical work, he said, formed a most essential part of the training of teachers.

Mr. Sloss added that he would take the opportunity of publicly congratulating the Director of Education, Mr. C. G. Sallis on the very persistent manner in which he had fought for the erection of the Training College and he had no doubt that Mr. Sallis would try equally hard to obtain that much-needed extension—the practical training school.

Principal's Report

In presenting his report, Mr. T. R. Rowell, Principal, said the occasion marked a real milestone in the history of the Northcote Training College. For the first time, students were going out into the world as teachers after having spent two years in preparation for it. The highest number of the roll during the last year, he said, was 84, but this dwindled to 79 by the end of the year. The change was due to three causes:

1. Better paid jobs in other branches of Government services.
2. Sickness.
3. The marriage of women students.

The numbers were divided as 46 in the first year and 38 in the second year in September last, and 42 and 37 at the end of the session. The average attendance was 96.34. The college was open on 237 days and attendance on the whole was not spoiled by illness. The health of the college has been good and all students and staff had been inoculated and vaccinated during the year.

He mentioned that no fees are payable by the students who receive Twenty Dollars per month subsistence allowance.

Changes in Instruction

Some changes have been made in technical instruction by the use of the practical teaching rooms, and classes from various schools have come here for criticism lessons and for demonstration lessons given by the lecturers.

During the year there have been lectures by outside professors of Hong Kong and Lingnan Universities and we are greatly indebted to Mr. L. Lee, Professor W. Brown, Dr. Y. L. Lee, Professor John Z. Chow, Professor L. Forster, Professor Y. K. Chu, The Rev. P. S. Tsao, Miss Ivy Yu, Professor Hsu Tishan and Dr. K. C. Yuen for giving up so much valuable time in order to give us the lectures.

On April 23, His Excellency the Governor Sir Geoffrey Northcote, officially opened the new premises, the ceremony being attended by a large and distinguished gathering.

Outside Help

During the year the students have got in touch with various firms and Government Departments and have between them compiled a review of economic, geographic, geological and meteorological facts as well as valuable information on the growth of industries, agriculture, fisheries and public utility companies. This combined work runs into very nearly 1000 pages of type-script and contains many original maps compiled and drawn by the students themselves from their own investigations.

Mr. Rowell wound up his report with advice to students who have graduated and are on the threshold of their teaching careers and told them that he and members of his staff would be only too glad to help if they ever had any problems that needed the advice of more experienced teachers.

Prize List

Following is the prize list—

Anglo Chinese Classes

FINAL YEAR TEACHERS
Certificates and Prizes awarded to students on completion of the Two Year Course:—Leung Kwok Chi, Top student (men); Award of Merit and

Prize for Geography: Hon. P. K. Chun, Top Student (women); Award of Merit: Prize for Handwork: Leung Kan Ki, Award of Merit; Principal's prize for general work, progress and social activity: Prize for Art: Josephine Hsieh, Award of Merit; Prize for Practical Teaching: Wong Tak Sung, Special Prize for Practical Teaching (presented by Miss Gray); Irene Cheung, Prize for Handwork: Yeung Wai Tak, Prize for Art: Choy Shing Pang, Koo Wing Chiu and Lee Hoy Chau, (Pass in all subjects); Tam King Wai, Yeung Hing Wing, Lau, Filomena and Woo Lai Sam, (Pass in all subjects); Lee Hon Fun, Magdaleen, Thu, Veronica Lee, Yeung Wui Chai, Chow Sook Chun and Lam Tsui Ying.

First Year Class

G. I. Fong, Top Student (men); Award of Merit: Prize for Geography: Prize for Art: Lai Chung Mo, Top Student (women); Award of Merit: Prize for Handwork: Julia Ho, Award of Merit; Millicent Leung, Award of Merit; Prize for Handwork: Wong Chak Lau, Principal's Prize for general work, progress and social activity: Cheng To Lam, Prize for Art.

Chinese Section, Final Year

Lee Woon Wah, First Prize for Men; First Prize for Education: First Prize for Mathematics: Ma Chuen Hei, First Prize for Women; Handwork: Prize for Practical Teaching: Poon Hei Chen, First Prize for Social Activities: Choe Chung Ming, First Prize in Psychology; First Prize for Chinese and history: First Prize for Geography: Wai King-tuen, First Prize for Art: Lau Kuei Chuen, Second Prize for Art: Neta Shook Yung, First Prize for Handwork.

Chinese Section, First Year

Kwok Chuen Boon, First Prize for Men; First prize for Geography; First Prize for Science and Mathematics; Chen Ching Mei, First Prize for Women; First Prize for Chinese and History; Tan Sau Yung, Second Prize for all Subjects; First Prize in Handwork: Chow Foo Chuen, First Prize for Social Activities; First Prize in Art: Poon Pak Woon, First Prize for Psychology; Shum King Hor, First Prize for Art; Wong Pui Kui, First Prize for Handwork.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT ON SKATES

ENTRIES FOR THE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT ON ROLLER SKATES, SPONSORED BY "CHI YIN YAT PO," HAVE NOW BEEN OFFICIALLY OPENED AND WILL CLOSE NEXT TUESDAY, JULY 22.

All the teams or clubs interested in roller-skating hockey games desiring to take part in this tournament are invited to send in their entries to the management of "Chi Yin Yat Po," Lee Yuen Street, East, before next Tuesday. There is no entrance fee.

The Tournament is expected to start on Saturday, July 26, and matches will be played twice a week, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, commencing at 6 p.m., at skating rinks in Kowloon and Hong Kong.

The Tournament will be run on a home-and-away basis should less than six teams enter.

Twelve players, including the captain, are allowed to register for each team in the Tournament, and the champions and runners-up will each be presented with a silver cup, while all players registered in such teams will each receive a medal at the conclusion of the competition.

GANDHI'S MAN SENTENCED

Vinoba Bhave, Mr. Gandhi's first civil disobedience disciple, was sentenced to a year's simple imprisonment at Wardha yesterday charged with civil disobedience for the third time.—Reuters.

GERMAN TAXATION FAVOURS THE RICH

Figures showing how Hitler's New Order favours great wealth were given recently by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

A German millionaire with an income equivalent to £100,000 a year, he said, would be left with £35,000 for his personal use. A British subject would pay over 94 per cent. in taxes, leaving him with less than £6,000.

Yet Nazi propagandists suggested Britain was run simply in the interests of the rich.

GERMAN PROTEST REJECTED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The German Government has lodged a protest with the U.S. State Department over the refusal to grant additional time to consular officers on the Pacific Coast to leave. The Under-Secretary, Mr. Sumner Welles, immediately rejected the protest.—International News Service.

WAR CURBS GAMBLING

Though Britain spent considerably less on gambling during 1940, according to the Seventh Annual Report of the Churches' Committee on Gambling, this was due less to a change in outlook by the gamblers than to lack of opportunity because of wartime conditions.

Several protests were made to the Government during the past year, and certain restrictive measures were taken. Reference was made to the resumption of horse-racing, the continuation of greyhound racing, the amount of time, money and newsprint devoted to football pools, and the growth of night clubs for officers and men on leave from the Services.

One special problem resulting from the war and taken up by the Committee has been the question of gambling in air raid shelters. While admitting that this was confined to small groups, the Report maintains that it was too prevalent to be ignored. Incidentally it is interesting to note that the statement on this question drawn up by the Committee and addressed to church and social workers played a definite part in the movement for improving conditions and introducing a better moral atmosphere into shelters.

The Committee is still able, despite wartime difficulties, to collect facts and figures relating to every form of gambling, and hopes to serve as an international clearing house for data on gambling problems.

SHANGHAI SWIMMING ASSOCIATION CO-OPT. LADIES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 1940 RECORDS

Breaking all precedents in local swimming annals the Shanghai Amateur Swimming Association has this season co-opted two ladies to serve on the Executive Committee and appointed a press agent, writes the "China Press."

Mrs. J. Winter and Mrs. V. Elliot, better known in sporting circles as V. Lumsdaine and V. Prince, will look after the ladies' section, with Dave Zentner handling the publicity for the Association.

A review of last season's records, just released, shows that six new marks were set, of which L. S. Lumsdaine secured three in the men's section with Miss D. Gray, Miss J. Peach and Miss C. Meadmore chalking up new times among the ladies.

Shanghai Records

The complete list of last year's Shanghai Championship events follow as well as the local records: Ladies' 50 Yards free-style won by Miss C. Meadmore in 30-3/5 secs. Shanghai record:—Miss J. Ball in 1934 of 30 secs.

Ladies' 50 Yards breast-stroke won by Miss D. Gray in 39-3/5 secs. (Shanghai record).

Ladies' 60 Yards back-stroke won by Miss J. Peach in 38-4/5 secs. (Shanghai record).

Ladies' 100 Yards free-style won by Miss C. Meadmore in 69 secs. (Shanghai record).

Ladies' Diving Championship won by Mrs. G. J. Grill.

Boys' 100 Yards free-style won by Master G. Gregg in 61-2/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—Master T. Britton in 1936 of 59-1/5 secs.

Boys' 220 Yards free-style won by Master C. Butt in 2 mins. 51 secs. Shanghai Record:—Master R. Hekking in 1939 of 2 mins. 30-1/5 secs.

Men's 50 Yards free-style won by R. Hekking in 25-1/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—T. Britton in 1936 of 25 secs.

Men's 100 Yards free-style won by R. Hekking in 50-4/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—N. G. Hammond in 1934 of 57-1/5 secs.

Men's 220 Yards free-style won by C. L. Huang in 2 mins. 44 secs. Shanghai Record:—A. T. Gavriloff in 1938 of 2 mins. 20-1/5 secs.

Men's 440 Yards free-style won by C. L. Huang in 5 mins. 57-1/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—M. Matsushita in 1936 of 5 mins. 34-1/5 secs.

Men's 880 Yards free-style won by L. S. Lumsdaine in 13 mins. 16-2/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—D. Smith in 1936 of 12 mins. 53-3/5 secs.

Men's 100 Yards breast-stroke won by O. Grebenschikoff in 77-4/5 secs. Shanghai Record:—R. Hall in 1939 of 68-3/5 secs.

Men's 200 Yards breast-stroke won by O. Grebenschikoff in 2 mins. 57 secs. Shanghai Record:—R. Hall in 1939 of 2 mins. 50-1/5 secs.

Men's 100 Yards back-stroke won by L. S. Lumsdaine in 65-4/5 secs. (Shanghai record).

Men's 150 Yards back-stroke won by L. S. Lumsdaine in 1 min. 48 secs. (Shanghai record).

Men's 150 Yards Medley won by L. S. Lumsdaine in 1 min. 52 secs. (Shanghai record).

Men's Diving Championship won by G. J. Grill.

Shanghai Water-polo League Champions:—Foreign "Y" Porpoises.

Colony Records

For purposes of comparison, it is interesting to note that the Colony records are as follows:—

MEN'S EVENTS
50 Yards free-style:—Ng Nin (1940) and D. H. Taylor (1939) 24-4/5 secs.

100 Yards free-style:—D. H. Taylor (1939) 50-1/5 secs. (1939).

220 Yards free-style:—W. Lawrence, 2 mins. 25 secs. (1939).

440 Yards free-style:—Chan Chun-nam, 5 mins. 25-3/5 secs. (1940).

880 Yards free-style:—Chan Chun-nam, 11 mins. 15-3/5 secs. (1940).

100 Yards breast-stroke:—Ng Nin, 70 secs. (1940).

100 Yards back-stroke:—Lau Po-hei, 68-4/5 secs. (1939).

LADIES' EVENTS
50 Yards free-style:—Miss V. Churn, 31-2/5 secs. (1940).

100 Yards free-style:—Mrs. L. Mead, 68-3/5 secs. (1934).

440 Yards free-style:—Miss C. Gutierrez, 6 mins. 57-3/5 secs. (1940).

100 Yards back-stroke:—Miss L. Sadick, 65 secs. (1940).

100 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Li Po-luen, 65 secs. (1940).

BOYS' EVENT
100 Yards free-style:—G. Yvanovich, 60-4/5 secs. (1940).

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H.K. FOOTBALL ASSN. TO BUY WAR LOAN: NO NEW PREMISES

THE PROPOSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. WONG KA-TSUN, THAT THE ASSOCIATION INVEST \$5,000 IN HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAR LOANS MET WITH UNANIMOUS APPROVAL AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF H. K. FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR THE 1941-42 SEASON, HELD LAST EVENING.

LOCAL SOCCER COMMENCES ON SEPTEMBER 27

The first meeting of the League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association was held yesterday, immediately after the Council meeting, when the composition of the various divisions of the League was decided upon.

Mr. J. Skinner was elected as chairman, and the other members present were Messrs. Wong Ka-tsun, chairman of the Association, Captain R. E. Guest, Messrs. T. G. Stokes, H. K. Lee, W. J. Brown, R. M. Omar, J. C. Guimgam, C. A. Goldenberg, Hon. Secretary and L. F. Souza, Assistant Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Skinner said that it was desirable to have the composition of the League decided upon as soon as possible and the fixtures arranged, so that the Rugby sections of clubs could then be able to fit in their fixtures to the mutual benefit of clubs.

Three new clubs applied for admission to First Division. After some discussion it was decided to admit Royal Engineers into First Division. The applications of Royal Artillery and Kit Chee were not granted.

Sixteen teams were admitted to the Second and Third Divisions and it was decided that in view of the large number of entries Clubs will be asked to play off a number of League fixtures during the week so that all 16 clubs could be accommodated.

The applications of Lanford and Tung Yee to Second Division were refused and they were permitted to participate in Third Division.

It was decided that the opening date of the football season be Saturday, September 27.

Following are the compositions of the three divisions of the League:

FIRST DIVISION
St. Joseph's, Kowloon Club, Police, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Kwong Wah, Royal Navy and Royal Engineers, 12 teams.

SECOND DIVISION
R.A.O.C., Club, Kit Chee, South China, Sing Tao, 7th R.A., 12th R.A., Royal Engineers, Kwong Wah, Royal Scots, Police, R.A.S.C., Middlesex, Eastern, Signals, Kowloon, 16 teams.

THIRD DIVISION
R.A.S.C., Shell, International, Signals, R.A.M.C., R.A.F., Pui Ngai, Tung Yee, Lanford, 7th R.A., 36th R.A., 30th R.A., 12th R.A., 24th R.A., 20th R.A. and 96th R.A., 16 teams.

A meeting will be held next Thursday to arrange the first games of the season. Messrs. T. G. Stokes and J. Skinner and Capt. R. E. Guest were elected to the fixture committee.

BASEBALLERS TAKE REVENGE ON SAPPERS

HOME RUNS BY RATCLIFFE, OF ENGINEERS, AND ELDER, OF BASEBALL CLUB, FEATURED THE LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME AT CHATHAM ROAD YESTERDAY, WHEN BASEBALLERS WON BY 17 RUNS TO 2.

In their first meeting Sappers scored a big win by 16 runs to 9. Schaberg pitched the whole distance for Baseballers, and limited the Sappers to three scattered hits. Baseballers scored six runs in the sixth inning, which included the home run by Elder with two men on bases.

Molthen again did well with the bat and hit two two-baggers.

TABLE TO DATE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Mindanao	5	0	1.000
H.K. Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	3	2	.600
Ashville	1	4	.200
Royal Engineers	2	4	.333
H.K. Baseballers	2	4	.333
South China	0	6	.000

Present at the meeting were Messrs. W. Pryde, H. K. Lee, R. M. Omar, K. K. Ip, W. Brown, C. Ying, J. Skinner, Mok Hing, J. C. Guimgam, T. G. Stokes, Lt. Comdr. G. S. Hugh Jones, Capt. R. E. Guest, Lieut. M. Bell, Messrs. C. Goldenberg (Hon. Secretary) and L. Souza (Assistant-Secretary.)

The meeting also decided to take advantage of the clause in the lease for the premises to renew the lease for a further period of two years, after some discussion following a proposal by Mr. Brown that more elaborate premises were desirable.

No New Premises Yet

Mr. Pryde said that he had at one time served on the sub-committee charged with the task of finding suitable premises and he assured the meeting that it was not an easy matter. They were fortunate, he said, to have secured the present offices, through the Association's treasurers, at what was at the time considered very reasonable rental. Furthermore, Mr. Pryde continued, he felt sure the arrangements could always be made for the loan of a larger room should occasion arise to require one for a general meeting. Under the circumstances he felt the Association would not be justified in committing itself to further expense by launching out in more elaborate premises.

Mr. Pryde was supported by the chairman and Capt. Guest.

Applications by three new clubs, Tung Yee, Lanford and Pui Ngai Recreation Club were placed before the meeting and approved, and it was further announced that all old clubs had renewed their affiliation to the Association.

Election Of Officers

Mr. C. Ying, representing South China Athletic Association, in proposing the re-election of Mr. C. A. Goldenberg as Hon. Secretary, said he first wished to thank Mr. Goldenberg and his assistant, Mr. Souza, for the very efficient way in which they had carried out their duties last year. He felt they could not do better than re-elect Mr. Goldenberg. There being no further nominations, Mr. Goldenberg was unanimously re-elected.

The following sub-committees were appointed:

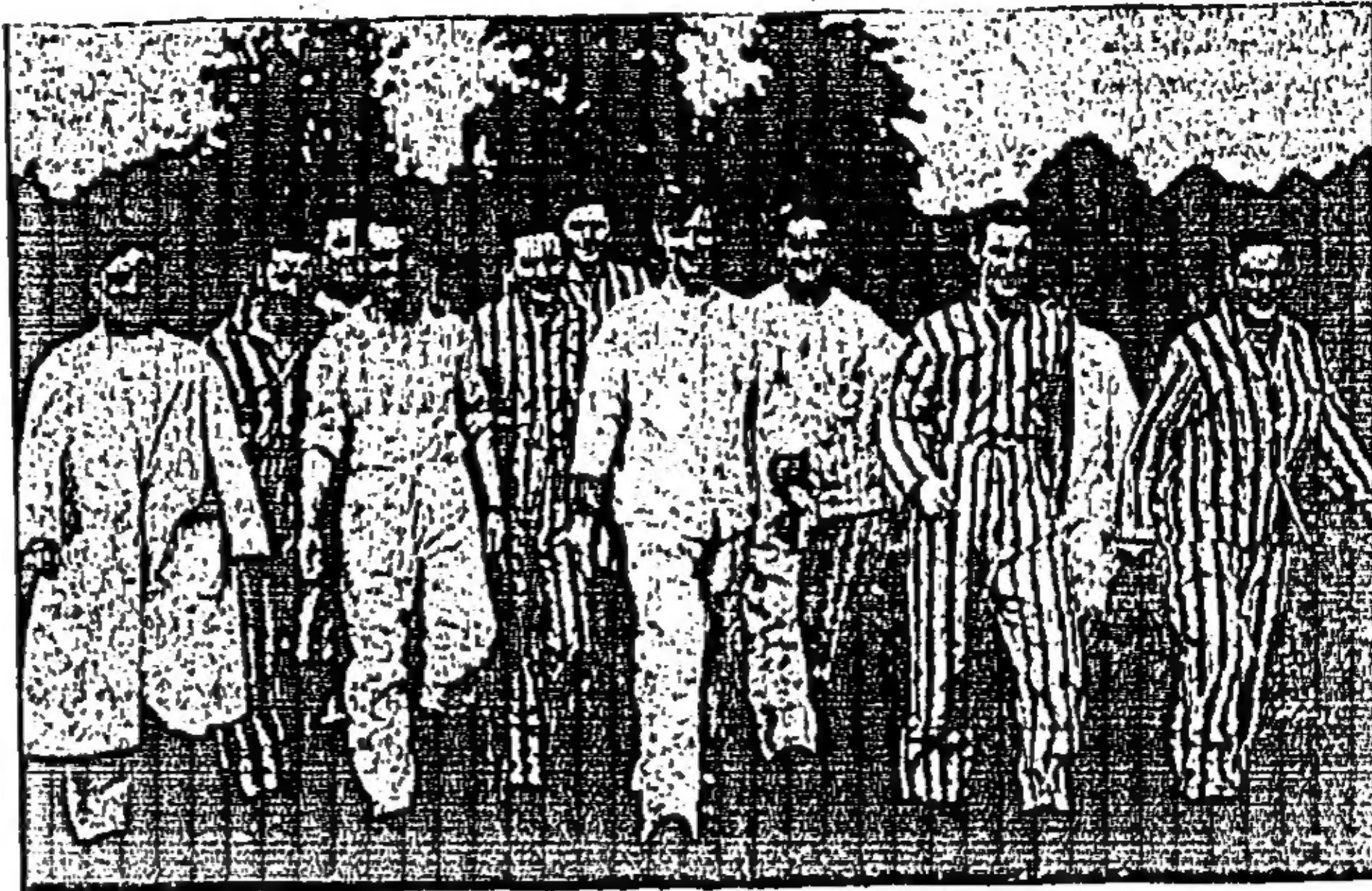
Appeals Board: The President and Vice-President of the Association.
Referee's Sub-Committee: Messrs. R. M. Omar, T. G. Stokes and H. K. Lee.
Emergency Sub-Committee: Messrs. J. Skinner, W. Brown and Capt. R. E. Guest.
Grounds Sub-Committee: Messrs. J. C. Guimgam, Mok Hing and W. M. Glover.

It was decided that the monthly meetings of the Council will be held on the second Thursday of each month.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme, and some of the teams:

A.T.C. v. I.R.C.
P.O.R.C. (1) v. K.I.T.C.
J.R.C. v. C.R.C.
F.C. v. P.O.R.C. (2)
S.C.A.A. v. C.C.C.
K.I.T.C. v. K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; U. H. Esmail and A. H. Mehal; K. Singh and N. S. Singh.
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F.C. v. B. Poon and P. Poon; F. Gonzalez and W. Lee; T. S. Hui and L. F. Souza.
C.R.C. v. Yung Wing-chung and Yung Kwong-chung; C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy; Yin Chan and C. T. Tao.
J.R.C. v. A. R. Pollak and B. Godkin; S. R. Ramler and M. Talan; E. Whitgob and A. Odell.
S.C.A.A. v. C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau; W. H. Mok and P. Y. Kwok; K. C. Wong and S. L. Chung.



Because of the coupon problem in buying cricket shirts and trousers, two military teams provided an extraordinary sight during a recent match. Canadians of the R.A.M.C. challenged the R.A.S.C. to turn out for a match in pyjamas, thus starting a new fashion in sporting attire. The latter accepted the challenge on condition that R.A.M.C. would wear pyjamas at a forthcoming baseball match. Our photograph shows the R.A.S.C. team, clad in pyjamas, going out to field in the match.

MINIATURE RACE MEET AT RECREIO

Club de Recreio's first miniature race meeting will be held this evening at the Club at 9 p.m. Proceeds are in aid of the B.W.O.F.

TO-NIGHT'S GALA AT ARMY POOL

ROYAL SCOTS ARE ENTERTAINING LAI TSUN SWIMMING UNION TO A SERIES OF EVENTS IN THE ARMY POOL THIS EVENING AT 8 P.M., AND SOME GOOD SPORT SHOULD BE WITNESSED AS, INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME, THERE IS A 440 YARDS FREE-STYLE EVENT OPEN TO THE COLONY AND AN INVITATION MEDLEY RELAY FOR LADIES.

Chan Chun-nam, holder of the 440 Yards Colony title, may take part in the Open event.

The Ladies' Medley Relay will see V.R.C., C.B.C., South China and Lai Tsun in opposition.

During the evening there will be a diving exhibition and a gymnastic display by an Army team.

The meet will conclude with a water-polo match between Royal Scots and Lai Tsun.

Following is the programme with Lai Tsun's nominated swimmers:

Men's 440 Yards Free-Style (Open To The Colony)
Lai Tsun:—Yau Sai-kwan or Chan Chun-nam.

Men's 100 Yards Back-Stroke
Lai Tsun:—Yau Yin-ling and Poon Wing-kai.

Men's 100 Yards Breast-Stroke
Lai Tsun:—Luk Sze-shin and Tsang Cheung-po.

Women's Two Lengths Invitation Medley Relay
Lai Tsun:—Miss Lily Sadick (breast), Miss Lo Po-kum (back) and Miss Ko Mui-ling (free-style).

Men's Free-Style Relay (4 Men Of Two Lengths Each)
Lai Tsun:—Lau Tai-ping, Tsang Cheong-ming, Chan Chun-nam and Poon Wing-kai.

Diving Exhibition
Men's Medley Relay (3 Men Of Two Lengths Each)
Lai Tsun:—Lau Tai-ping (breast), Fong Chung-ym (back) and Tsang Cheong-ming (free-style).

Gymnastic Display (By Army)
Men's 100 Yards Free-Style
Lai Tsun:—Lau Tai-ping and Chan Chun-nam.

Men's Back-Stroke Relay (4 Men Of Two Lengths Each)
Lai Tsun:—Lau Ying-ling, Poon Wing-kai, Wong Shiu-che and Yau Sai-kwan.

Water Polo:—Royal Scots v. Lai Tsun
Lai Tsun:—Lo Chun-huen, Lam Yan-ting and Wong Shiu-chee; Chan Chun-nam; Poon Wing-kai, Tsang Cheong-ming and Fong Chung-ym.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ty Cobb led the American League in batting 12 years, nine of them consecutive, and finished with a lifetime average of .367. He hit over 300 for 23 straight seasons, and against a dead ball.

Luke Appling is having a bad time with the new batting cage which practically envelops the plate. The Chicago White Sox shortstop and former American League batting champion, who sliced so many foul balls into the stand, now finds the pellet caroming inside the cage like a boomerang.

THREE THIRD DIVISION TENNIS GAMES

Three matches in Third Division of the Tennis League were played yesterday but two were postponed owing to the fact that the grounds on which they were to have been played were found to be unfit for play. Following were the results:

Recreio Beat University

At King's Park Club de Recreio beat University by 8½ sets to 1½. Scores were:—

F. A. Remedios and B. A. Marques (Recreio) beat P. K. Hui and S. L. Yung 6-0; beat Ip Yee and O. Thomas 6-3; beat K. Y. Tam and P. Liu 7-5.

J. Fonseca and R. P. Botelho (Recreio) beat Hui and Yung 6-4; beat Yee and Thomas 6-2; beat Tam and Liu 6-3.

G. A. Noronha and A. E. Noronha (Recreio) beat Hui and Yung 7-5; beat Yee and Thomas 6-1; beat Tam and Liu 6-4.

Kowloon C.C. Win

At Cox's Road Kowloon Cricket Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 6½ sets to 2½. Scores were:—

N. Llewellyn and J. Anderson (K.C.C.) lost to A. Rahman and I. Kitchell 2-6; beat M. Hassan and A. J. Sullad 6-4; beat M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail 6-3.

R. Kloss and J. W. Joyce (K.C.C.) beat Rahman and Kitchell 6-2; drew with Hassan and Sullad 6-6; beat Madar and Esmail 6-4.

Q. M. Gillard and R. Baker (K.C.C.) lost to Rahman and Kitchell 4-6; beat Hassan and Sullad 7-5; beat Madar and Esmail 6-2.

South China Up

At Kowloon Tong the home team were beaten by South China by 8 sets to 1. Scores were:—

H. Hau and D. Chen (Kowloon Tong) lost to C. Lee and H. N. Wong 2-6; drew with K. C. Shih and K. T. Fung 6-6; lost to H. K. Ho and K. T. Ng 5-7.

E. Lee and L. Chen (Kowloon Tong) lost to Lee and Wong 3-6; lost to Shih and Fung 5-7; lost to Ho and Ng 3-6.

D. Kwok and A. H. Baste (Kowloon Tong) lost to Lee and Wong 2-6; lost to Shih and Fung 0-6; drew with Ho and Ng 6-6.

Table To Date

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	4	4	0	33½	11½	8		
A.T.C.	4	3	1	25½	10½	0		
Recreio	4	3	1	26	10	0		
C.R.C. (2)	2	2	0	13	5	4		
C.R.C. (1)	3	2	1	13½	13½	4		
C.C.C.	4	2	2	18½	17½	4		
K.I.T.C.	5	3	0	25	20	4		
K.C.C.	5	2	3	13	32	4		
H.K.U.T.C.	4	1	3	14½	21½	2		
K.T.G.C.A.	4	1	3	14½	30½	0		
I.R.C.	5	0	5	0	9	38	0	

Games Postponed

The matches between Chinese Recreation Club and Army Tennis Club against Kowloon Indian Tennis Club and Craigengower Cricket Club respectively were postponed.

POLICE BOWLS

Following are the latest results in Police Recreation Club bowls tournaments:

Novices: Handicap: Singles:—Second Round:—Gough (ser.) beat Tillman (plus 4); Greenup (ser.) beat Hayward (ser.). Davies (plus 3) beat Smith (ser.).

Club Singles:—Second Round:—Gough beat Dewar; Channing beat Downman; Perkins beat Mair; Nolan beat Wilcox.

Pairs:—First Round:—Mair and Perkins beat Nolan and Harris; Soutar and Smith beat Davies and Greenwood; Riddell and Aiken beat Dodge and White; and Forrest beat Gough and Hayward; Channing and Downman beat Lee and Shepherd.

Second Round:—Carey and Post beat Forrest and MacDonald; Mair and Perkins beat Soutar and Smith; Ellis and Forrest beat Riddell and Aiken.

EASTERN'S SURPRISE DECISION

By "Referee"

Yesterday's cable report that Eastern's touring football team are so taken up with Australia that they intend applying for permission to remain there and play as a team has caused a considerable stir in Chinese football circles, particularly among the Shanghai element.

Though Eastern were the club granted official permission by the Football Association to make the tour, a number of Sing Tao players are included in the side.

Should the players not return, Eastern and Sing Tao will be greatly affected and will hardly be able to raise a side for First Division, as most of their junior players are not yet up to the required standard.

Permission for the tour was granted on the strict understanding that the party were back in Hong Kong by the first week in September.

F.A. Meeting

Football Association met last night to decide the composition of the various divisions of the League, and it will be a pity, after including Eastern and Sing Tao in First Division, if these two teams are unable to fulfil their fixtures.

Mr. Sze Po-wai, committee member of Eastern, said that he was surprised at the report. It was only recently that he cabled to Mr. Chang Fook-yu, manager of the touring team, informing him that he, Chang Fook-yu, had again been elected manager at the annual meeting.

A cable was received from Chang a few days ago that Eastern would be concluding their fixtures soon, and would be in Hong Kong in time for the start of the League.

Little Credence

A Sing Tao official last night said that he was certain there was little truth in the report. Permission to stay would not be granted easily. It was possible that a few of the players might stay in Australia for a while after the departure of the team.

It is understood that return passage was booked from Hong Kong and an undertaking was given the Australian Immigration Authorities for the team to leave together at the conclusion of their tour.

"Sing Tao Jih Pao" places little credence in the report and states that most of the players have their families and main interests in Hong Kong.

Players In Party

Following are the players at present in Australia:

Cheong Wing-choy (Sing Tao) (goal-keeper).
Sui Tim-lin (Sing Tao) (goalkeeper).
Lee Ting-sang (Sing Tao) (full-back).
Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao) (full-back).
Ng Kee-cheong (Eastern) (full-back).
Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao) (half-back).
Leung Wing-chiu (Sing Tao) (half-back).
Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao) (half-back).
Chui Ah-fai (Sing Tao) (half-back).
C. T. Tsao (Eastern) (right-wing).
Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) (inside-forward).
V. K. Myul (Eastern) (centre-forward).
Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern) (inside-forward).
Yeung Shui-yick (Sing Tao) (right-wing).
Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao) (inside-forward).
Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern) (inside-forward).
Tang Kwong-sum (Sing Tao) (right-wing).
Hau Ching-to (Eastern) (left-wing).
Ip Pak-wah (Sing Tao) (left-wing).

Hugh Gallanseau and Norman Standoe, backs on Stanford's Rose Bowl championship team, signed contracts recently to play professional football for Chicago Bears next fall.

George M. Lott, "stormy petrel" of tennis, has been appointed by the United States Navy as director of athletics for a construction company's civilian personnel of 2,000. The company is building a naval operating base in Hamilton, Bermuda, and employees are Americans. Until this appointment Lott was tennis professional at the Belmont Manor Hotel in Hamilton.

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

Civil Service Cricket Club, who beat Police R.C. in First Division last week are experimenting this Saturday with a change-over of skips of two rinks.

Deakin takes over the rink led by McGowan last week, comprising Crawley, Colledge and Purvis, with the exception that Burling comes in as No. 3 in place of Purvis, who is not playing in this game.

McGowan will lead Gellatly, Carr and Simmonds—front men to Deakin last week—while in Rakusen's four Harper takes over No. 1 position from McKay, who is an absentee.

Volunteer duties this week-end have necessitated quite a number of changes in the Recreation teams.

In First Division their "A" team will be considerably reshuffled. There is one change in F. X. Silva's rink, at No. 2, Rodrigues coming in to replace Marques. In the four led by Luz, Pereira and Ribeiro, at Nos. 2 and 3 respectively, will be replaced by Silva and Guterres, while Dick Alves, who skipped last week, will not be playing this time, and Carlos Silva returns to the side to lead D. C. Alves, C. E. Marques, J. J. Basto, H. A. Alves four last week were J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques and J. F. V. Ribeiro.

Even More Changes

The "B" team is changed about even more, none of the skips playing last week being available.

C. C. Pereira takes over from C. M. Silva and, while he retains the first two men in F. A. Machado and A. F. Noronha, there will be a change in the No. 3 berth, Carvalho playing instead of J. C. Remedios. J. J. Basto, promoted to "A" team this week, will have his place filled by C. A. Lopes as skip. Osmund remains as lead, but A. P. Pereira comes in as No. 2 in order that C. H. Basto may move down to No. 3.

E. de Souza, No. 3 last week to the promoted Guterres, takes over duties as skip and will retain Vas at No. 1, but A. M. Xavier will replace Alarcon at No. 2, while Souza's position at No. 3 will be filled by J. A. Remedios.

In Third Division, for their match with Hong Kong Football Club, many changes have been effected. M. F. Pinna, who led E. Alarcon, Pereira and Alves last week, will have as his front men this time Sequiera, Almeida and Mendonca. Yvanovich's two "middle men", Ribeiro and G. Guterres, will be replaced by G. A. Pinna and Alves (No. 3 to M. Pinna last week) while H. R. Pinna takes over the third rink from M. Guterres, with E. Alarcon, lead to M. Pinna last week. Xavier and Roza as his front men. Guterres' rink last week comprised Campos, Lopes and Roza.

Abbas's New No. 2

Indian Recreation Club are making only one change in their First Division team. Dallah and Minu retain the same four, but M. R. Abbas will have a new No. 2 in M. B. Hassan, who was No. 2 to Madar in Third Division last week. The newcomer displaces K. M. Rumjahn, the latter going No. 3 to A. G. Sufflad in Third Division on Saturday.

In Third Division a number of changes have also been made. A. M. Wahab keeps the same four, but A. O. Madar, who skipped the third rink last week, will not be available this Saturday and his place will be taken by A. G. Sufflad, who will have M. I. Razack, J. M. A. Rumjahn and K. M. Rumjahn as his front men.

Changes in S. M. Rumjahn's four are that J. M. A. Rumjahn will be replaced at No. 1 by M. U. Razack, who was No. 3 last week. M. A. Wahab, No. 2 last week, will move down to No. 3, while M. Hassan, lead to Madar last Saturday, will be seen at No. 2.

Like all the other clubs, Kowloon Bowling Green Club have also made some changes in their teams in First Division.

In the "A" team Holland keeps the same four he had last week, but Duncan, who was No. 3 to Hall last Saturday, will be leading Phillips, Levett and McKelvie, the last-named skipping a four made up of Phillips, Levett and Drew last Saturday. In Hall's rink Sykes, No. 3 to Peckham in the "B" team last Saturday, changes places with Lockhart who was lead to Hall last Saturday, whilst Peckham, skipping a rink last week, will be No. 3 to Hall this time.

Meyer's "B" rink will be affected by one change, Drew who played No. 3 to McKelvie in the "A" team last week coming into the same position in Meyer's four to take the place of Gill, who is an absentee.

McNeill was skip to Elphick, Bower and Guy last week. This week Guy goes skip and McNeill No. 3, otherwise the rink remains the same. Sherriff, who takes over skip duties from Peckham, will have Hodder, Dixon and Lockhart in front of him. Peckham had Hodder, Dixon and Sykes.

In Third Division K.B.G.C. were "resting" last Saturday. For their match this week-end, they will have the

same team that scored a clean sweep win over Craigengower on July 5, no changes having been made.

Hong Kong Cricket Club, who drew a bye last week in Second Division, and who played their last match on July 5, when they beat Recreation by 2 rinks to 1, have made many changes for their game on Saturday.

There is only one change in Costello's rink. Haigh coming into the No. 2 position in place of Hospes, who goes to the same position in the new four comprising Morrison, Hospes, Edwards and Davies. This rink replaces Brown's quartette (Davies, Beddow and Mackenzie) against Recreation.

In Goodwin's rink the only change is that Shields will be lead instead of Alkenhead, who will not be playing this week.

In Third Division H.K.C.C. are disengaged and there will be a pick-up game at Chater Road, teams to be chosen on the ground.

In their Third Division game against Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Kowloon Football Club have made no changes in the rinks skipped by T. Ferguson and R. Ogden.

V. Alenza, who was No. 3 to Young-husband in Second Division last week, will skip the third rink in place of Y. Abbas, who will be at No. 3. G. Frost, last week's No. 3 will be seen as No. 2 in place of E. Kerrison, who is not playing. B. Williams will be in his usual position as lead.

GAME POSTPONED

Owing to Volunteer exercises some changes have had to be made in the Second Division Lawn Bowls League fixtures. Recreation cannot raise a team and have called off their fixture with Prison Officers.

Kowloon Tong have done the same with their match against Hong Kong Cricket Club, who have taken the opportunity to arrange with P.O.C. to play off their match, postponed from May 24, on account of rain. This game will be played at Stanley.

Following are some of the selected teams

CIVIL SERVICE

First Division (v. Recreation "B", away):—J. Gellatly, J. R. Carr, E. W. C. Simmonds and J. F. McGowan (skip). H. F. Harper, A. F. Sheppard, V. S. Ebbage and M. N. Rakusen (skip). P. D. Crawley, W. H. Colledge, W. J. Burling and J. W. Deakin (skip). Reserve: M. Scott.

CLUB DE RECREIO

First Division ("A" v. Police R.C., away):—D. C. Alves, C. E. Marques,

J. J. Basto and C. G. Silva (skip); L. F. Xavier, A. Rodrigues, J. E. Noronha and F. X. Silva (skip); F. X. Soares, L. J. Silva, A. Guterres and R. F. Luz (skip).

First Division ("B" v. C.S.C.C., home):—A. J. Osmund, A. P. Pereira, C. H. Basto and C. A. Lopes (skip); F. A. Machado, A. F. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho and C. C. Pereira (skip); C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and E. Sousa (skip).

Third Division (v. H.K.F.C., away):—A. M. Silva, G. A. Pinna, E. A. R. Alves and P. Yvanovich (skip); F. P. Sequiera, P. Almeida, M. Mendonca and M. F. Pinna (skip); E. Alarcon, H. M. Xavier, A. A. Roza and H. R. Pinna (skip).

KOWLOON B.G.C.

First Division ("A" v. I.R.C., home):—W. L. Walker, G. W. Deacon, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip); L. Sykes, H. White, P. A. Peckham and A. J. Hall (skip); R. P. Phillips, E. Levett, J. McKelvie and R. Duncan (skip).

First Division ("B" v. K. Docks, home):—W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, H. F. Lockhart and G. H. Sherriff (skip); H. Bicknell, E. A. Atkins, H. E. Drew and J. G. Meyer (skip); G. Elphick, A. Bower, W. McNeill and L. Guy (skip).

Third Division (v. K.F.C., away):—J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (skip); W. M. Wil-

son, J. S. Dinnen, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip); C. E. Langley, S. C. Walker, L. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (skip).

INDIAN R.C.

First Division (v. Bowling Green "A", away):—D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu (skip); A. K. Sufflad, M. B. Hassan, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (skip); J. Hooson, A. K. Ismail, U. A. Rumjahn and A. R. Dallah (skip).

Third Division (v. Craigengower C.C., home):—B. el Arculli, K. Nazarin, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (skip); M. U. Razack, M. Hassan, M. A. Wahab and S. M. Rumjahn (skip); M. I. Razack, J. M. A. Rumjahn, M. M. Rumjahn and A. G. Sufflad (skip).

HONG KONG C.C.

Second Division (v. Prison Officers Club, away):—S. L. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (skip); H. F. Shields, T. R. Rowell, L. A. B. Duncan and F. Goodwin (skip); P. Morrison, E. Hospes, R. A. Edwards and R. R. Davies (skip).

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB
Third Division v. K.B.G.C. Home, 4 p.m.:—B. Thomson, A. Thomson, C. Fuller and T. Ferguson (skip).
C. Gross, C. Woodcock, A. Macintyre and R. Ogden (skip).
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and V. Alenza (skip).
Reserves:—W. C. Ogley and I. Bones.

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At Los Angeles, two world athletics records were created on July 18, L. S. Steers clearing 6 ft. 11 in. in the High Jump, while University of California's four-man relay team covered the Mile Relay in 3 mins. 9.4 secs.

GRIMMEST PART OF WAR YET TO COME

Mr. A. V. Alexander's Warning In London

OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF WHEELER

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

After a statement to the United States that "This is your war," Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, outspoken member of the British Government, who is on a visit to America, yesterday attacked Senator Wheeler, the isolationist.

Col. Wedgwood said: "Tell him to go and soak his head. We had years of these wretched appeasers in England."

Senator Wheeler answered the attack by reading the interview in the Senate and claimed Col. Wedgwood was "subversive." — International News Service.

JAPANESE EMBASSY ENQUIRY

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, declared yesterday that three Japanese ships have delayed sailing from Panama because of repair work.

The statement followed a Japanese Embassy enquiry regarding the delay. — International News Service.

Threat Of Invasion Remains

SPEAKING AT A LONDON LUNCHEON YESTERDAY, MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, SAID THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ANYTHING BUT GRIM DETERMINATION TO FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF A LONG WAR WITH THE GRIMMEST PART YET TO COME.

The threat of invasion remained. The call for a yet greater and more intense national effort remained as dominant and insistent as ever.

"It is on the Atlantic that our life depends and if we defeat the U-boat and long-range aircraft our strength will steadily become overwhelming.

"As to the defeat of the U-boat, I am not going to give you facts and figures, for which the enemy Intelligence Service would pay many thousands of pounds.

"I WILL, HOWEVER, TELL YOU THAT DURING A RECENT PERIOD I RECEIVED A SERIES OF REPORTS WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE ANY FIRST LORD.

"There is another thing I can also tell you. There is a room at the Admiralty containing a

number of highly sceptical—almost said cynical—officers who refuse to accept any doubtful claims to destruction of U-boats.

Never A Doubt

"The gentleman who had the job of passing a camel through the eye of a needle was on an easy wicket compared with the captains of our little ships who hopefully report an attack upon a U-boat.

"When I am informed by the Staff that a U-boat has been accepted as destroyed, I know there is no shadow of doubt she is in Davy Jones' locker.

"I am certain there are many more which do not get back to Germany and Italy.

"Recent enemy shipping losses have been highly satisfactory.

"The American move into Iceland was a most significant event."

American Press

Mr. Alexander added: "I am certain myself that by this action the United States will be able to fulfil her declared intention of protecting the western hemisphere much more efficiently."

The First Lord said he read the American press in cable form each morning because he regarded it with such importance.

One description of the occupation of Iceland, giving the meeting of Americans and British, said the British knew the Americans were soldiers after their own hearts and had been ordered to see that armaments should arrive safely, and the Americans knew they were meeting men who knew how to use that armament and were not going to stop until the world's enemy was beaten so completely that he would never again cause trouble. — Reuter.

Navy's Supreme Qualities

Mr. Alexander stated: "Let me impress upon you that the supreme qualities of the Navy are shown in the accomplishment of such a great and intricate operation as the safe transport of armies and their equipment and their supplies to Egypt and above all in work of escort and protection of our merchant shipping in the Battle of the Atlantic.

"This battle is continuous. It is not a battle which flares up and dies away — it is on the whole time.

"What is called for in seamanship, endurance and courage defies description. The situation is always difficult and to relax for a moment would be fatal.

"But there are great encouragements. Our escort ships have increased in number although I want many more.

"Our merchant ships are better armed, the cooperation of the Coastal Command of the R.A.F., strengthened by flying boats from the U.S.A., is steadily increasing

WHEELER OFF AGAIN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Senator Burton Wheeler yesterday challenged the Navy Secretary to deny reports that American naval planes are patrolling the Azores.

He asserted the captain and passengers of a ship arriving in New York from Lisbon saw the planes on several occasions.

Official quarters are speculating that Senator Wheeler has again given a tip-off, as in the case of Iceland.

Senator Wheeler said: "It is foolish to assume that German agents have not observed the patrol and already reported it, so that if the United States is rapidly approaching shooting, the President and military officials are honour bound to tell the public." — International News Service.

NATIONAL CITY BANK SELLS SITE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

THE SPACIOUS DOWNTOWN BUILDING OF THE NATIONAL CITY BANK IN SHANGHAI HAS BEEN SOLD TO THE CHINA REALTY COMPANY, ALSO AN AMERICAN CONCERN.

The bank has been given a long-term lease on the office space in the building which is one of Shanghai's landmarks. The bank denied that the move signifies that it is pulling its stakes out of Shanghai. — International News Service.

on our trade routes and is most valuable, and R.A.F. bombers and fighters, by their increasing attacks on German occupied bases, sea routes and communications, are all interfering with the enemy plans."

Axis Losses

Mr. Alexander continued: "It is not only our shipping which is being sunk. The Navy and Air Force, singly or in fine cooperation have been taking heavy toll of German and Italian merchant ships.

"Recent figures of enemy losses in this direction have been highly satisfactory, and the heavy strain upon the Axis transport system is thereby greatly increased.

"Moreover, every enemy ship thus destroyed makes it more difficult for Hitler to organise the projected invasion of this island.

"In this connection you may care to hear that aircraft pilots frequently take trips in destroyers and officers from destroyers have opportunities of flying as passengers. In this way they learn each other's difficulties and requirements."

Mr. Alexander concluded: "When all branches of those who serve afloat serve so well I hope it will not be thought invidious if I refer specially to the Royal Marines.

"No regiment or corps has a finer or more honorable record. They have been tried to the limit in every quarter of the globe and have never failed.

"In the last hours of the fierce Battle of Crete it was the Marines who fought a rearguard action, never flinching and never yielding. They suffered grievous losses but proudly sustained the immortal traditions of the Corps." — British Wireless.

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STOP PRESS

Although standing to lose immensely should the Far Eastern situation worsen, Shanghai is calmly awaiting further news from Tokyo.

It is generally agreed the Nazis have manoeuvred Japan into an extremely unenviable position.

Both Chinese and foreign well-informed quarters believe yesterday's dramatic action is the prelude to big events in the Far East. — Reuter.

It is authoritatively learned that H.E. the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grasett, will be leaving the Colony to take up his new appointment, at the weekend.

Seventeen cholera cases, nine from Kowloon, three from Rural Hong Kong, two from Victoria, two from the New Territories, and one from the harbour, were notified to the Medical Department in the 24 hours ended at midnight. In the same period, there were 54 tuberculosis cases.

The "China Mail" understands that as Volunteer exercises will be held on July 26, Mr. A. A. Noronha, Swimming Convener of Victoria Recreation Club, has written to the Chinese clubs suggesting postponement of the Combined V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A. v Chinese Clubs gala till a later date. No decision, however, will be made until to-morrow. Included in the programme at this gala is an Inter-School Relay Race and a 50 Yards free-style event, open to the Services.

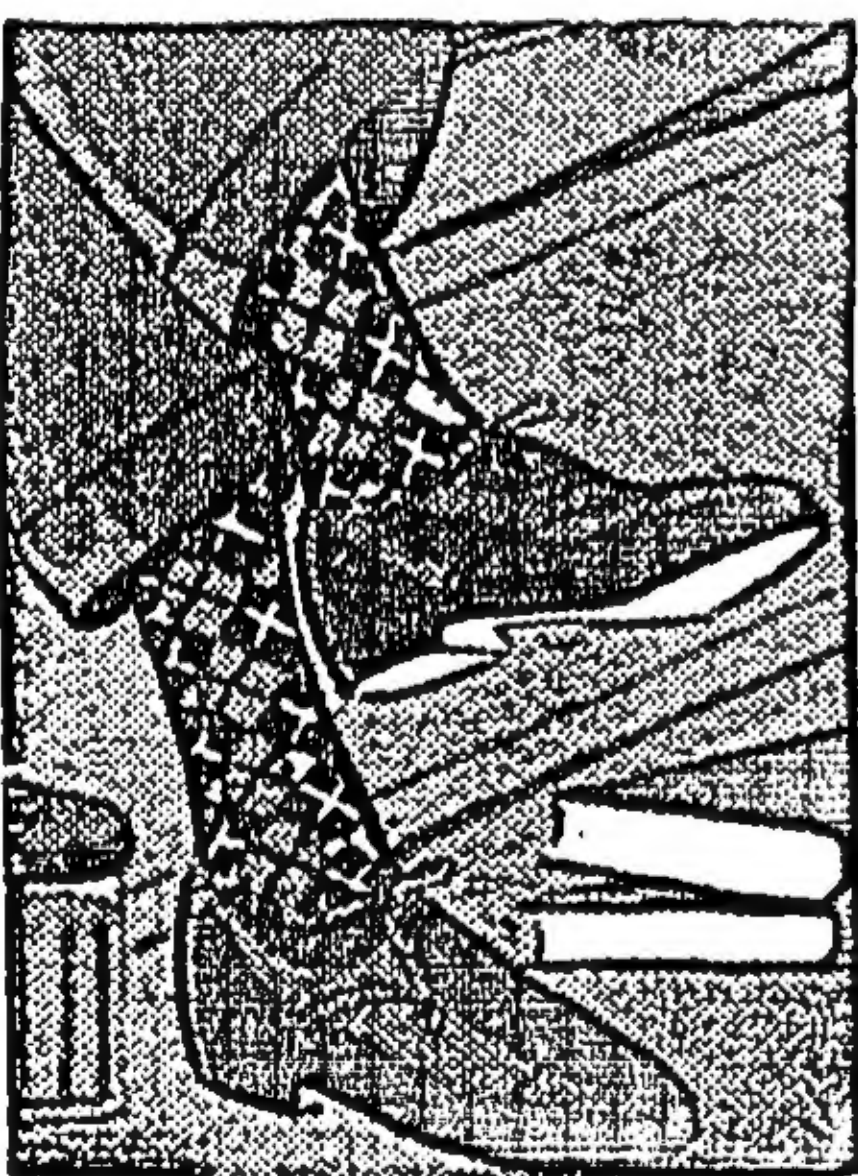
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